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Moscow attacks stepped up

The Russians stepped up their attacks on Britain over the Falkland Islands, accusing the Conservative Government of being unable to assess the international situation realistically and of hankering after imperial greatness. Moscow also denied that the Russians were seeking to capitalize on the conflict Page 4

US citizens told to quit

All United States citizens on the Falklands — there are thought to be about 30 — have been advised by the American Embassy in Buenos Aires to leave the islands. At least one family has already left.

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President Reagan is to name more of his political friends and supporters as ambassadors in the coming months, despite criticism that he is making too many such appointments Page 3

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A police officer was killed and three were wounded in a grenade attack in a beer hall in Bulawayo. The police had been called there to investigate an incident. Page 3

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Hundreds of jobs in the North Sea platform building industry are at risk amid fears that the value of orders fell by 15 per cent last year Page 9

Spurs advance

Tottenham Hotspur maintained their hopes of winning the first division championship when they beat Arsenal 3-1 at Highbury. Manchester City's slide continued with a 4-1 defeat at Wolverhampton Wanderers Page 12

'Difficulties' send Haig back to Buenos Aires

By Anthony Bevins and David Cross

Substantial difficulties remained between Britain and Argentina over a peaceful settlement of the Falklands crisis , Mr Alexander Haig, United States Secretary of State, said outside No 10 Downing Street last night. He said he was returning promptly to Buenos Aires after 11 hours of talks with Mrs Thatcher and other Cabinet ministers. Asked whether he was now more hopeful, he answered: "Not at all".

Mr Haig said: "This morning, upon arrival, I said I was bringing some ideas we had developed in Buenos Aires. Today we have had an opportunity to discuss these ideas in considerable detail with the Prime Minister and with her senior Cabinet. We made some progress in these discussions but a number of substantial difficulties remain so we shall be returning this evening to Buenos Aires as time is slipping away from us on this subject."

He was not prepared to discuss details of the negotiations.

Mr Francis Pym the Foreign Secretary said: "We have explored very carefully the ideas that Mr Haig brought here. There is no doubt that difficulties do still remain. We are both very anxious to resolve this problem by peaceful means and I think we are very grateful to Mr Haig for the trouble he has taken and the line he has taken to aid us and the whole world in this endeavour.

Earlier the Government announced a mid-recess recall of the House of Commons for a statement on the Falkland Islands crisis to Parliament at 2.30 pm tomorrow.

[Meanwhile, the Peruvian Government last night announced that Argentina had accepted its proposal for a 72-hour truce in the war zone around the islands, Reuter reports from Lima. Señor Javier Arias Stella, the Peruvian Foreign Minister, told a news conference that Britain was still studying the Peruvian proposals.]

Mr Haig, who began his talks at Number 10 at 9.30am yesterday, was reported to have been on the telephone to Señor Costa Mendez, the Argentine Foreign Minister, during the afternoon. Their talk lasted 30 minutes, and presumably Mr Haig put Mrs Thatcher's response to the Argentine Government's proposals he carried from Buenos Aires.

The deliberations, which were continued through a working lunch, were apparently centring on Argentine proposals for resolving the dispute which has brought Argentina and Britain to the verge of war.

It was not clear whether Mrs Thatcher had had any second thoughts about the British position, but as far as was known the British Government was continuing to insist that Argentine troops must withdraw from the Falklands as an absolute precondition for any negotiations on the future of the British colony.

[From Washington sources, Nicholas Ashford reported that the broad terms of the proposal carried by Mr Haig could include:

An Argentine withdrawal and return of the islands to British administration in exchange for a recall of the British fleet steaming towards the South Atlantic.

The Argentine flag to be kept flying on the islands.

The 1,800 islanders to be allowed to choose their own form of government.

The possible deployment of an international peace-keeping force on the islands while a permanent solution is being worked out.]

At the talks on the British side were Mr Francis Pym, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr John Nott, the Defence Secretary. Mr Haig was accompanied by among others, Mr Thomas Enders, Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American affairs, and General Vernon Walters, a senior aide.

Throughout the afternoon reporters who waited outside the entrance of Number 10 were expecting to be briefed by British Government officials on the talks, but any such briefing was repeatedly postponed.

It is the first recall of Parliament during recess since the collapse of Northern Ireland power sharing in June, 1974. It was requested by Mr Michael Foot, the Leader of the Opposition, and was agreed during consultations with Mr George Thomas, the Speaker.

□ **Washington:** The 30-nation Organization of American States was last night holding a meeting in Washington to discuss the Falklands crisis (Nicholas Ashford writes). The meeting was postponed four days ago and, amid confusion, was declared postponed again yesterday before the organization actually met.

□ **New York:** The little support Argentina has received internationally appears to be eroding steadily (Zoriana Pysariwsky writes). It is understood that Panama, one of the main backers of Argentina's decision to use force to assert its claim over the islands, will not be as vocal should there be another meeting of the Security Council.

Peru hinted last week that it would come to Argentina's aid militarily if need be, but over the weekend it seemed to have changed its mind, placing the emphasis instead on a peaceful rather than a military force.

The Security Council has the power to dispatch peacekeeping forces to areas of tension. But in recent years it has been careful to send troops only after securing the approval of all parties

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Tony Weaver

Shuttle diplomacy: Mrs Thatcher receives Mr Haig on the steps of No 10 Downing Street

Galtieri's warships keep out of no-go zone

By Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

The 200-mile Maritime Exclusion Zone (MEZ) around the Falkland Islands came into being at 5 am yesterday, unchallenged by the Argentine Navy.

A statement issued later by the Ministry of Defence in London, said: "No naval incident has been reported. Nor has there been any report of Argentine warships or naval auxiliaries within the MEZ since it was established."

An Argentine naval destroyer and a single frigate were still at sea but had not apparently tested Britain's resolve by venturing across the forbiddenline. There was no official report that either had on board the 27 or so Royal Marines captured by Argentine troops in "mopping-up" operations on the Falklands and South Georgia. The ministry had been in touch with the International Red Cross on their behalf, a spokesman said.

Nor were there any comments forthcoming on suggestions that the Argentines might be getting round the MEZ ban on naval vessels by using merchant ships to supply their garrison on the Falklands. A close watch was being maintained on all merchant vessels in the area, however.

Between two and four British nuclear-powered submarines are thought to be patrolling the MEZ. Meanwhile the main naval task force of 15 surface warships with accompanying support vessels was still proceeding with no more than minor problems, towards the disputed islands. It should arrive, unless diverted, in up to three weeks' time.

□ The Ministry of Defence said yesteday it had noted reports tha part of the Brazilian Navy had sailed southwards and that Brazilian naval exercises were imminent: but it would not be drawn further.

Support for the Argentines from the Brazilian Navy would make life more difficult for the British task force. The Brazilian fleet is stronger than that of Argentine - not all that stronger perhaps, but with six modern, British-built frigates and three British Oberon class submarines, which could stretch the Royal Navy's resources in the South Atlantic. Other ships include an elderly ex-Briish aircraft carrier of the same Colossus class as that in service in Argentina.

Argentina offers police for troops

From Christopher Thomas, Buenos Aires, April 12

Argentina has offered to bestow temporary self-government on the 1,800 Falkland islanders and replace its 9,000 troops with federal police if Britain turns back its military task force. Under no circumstances, however, is it prepared to negotiate the central question of sovereignty over the islands.

Mr Alexander Haig, the United States Secretary of State, is said here to be concerned about Mrs Thatcher's survival as Prime Minister if the military junta refuses to give more ground. But it became clear today that President Leopoldo Galtieri told Mr Haig that he would not give up an inch of Falklands soil without a fight.

However, he did make the *significant* offer to share all mineral resources in an unspecified region around the Falklands for several years to come. Oil exploration has been conducted off the Argentine coast for the past two years and there have been encouraging signs of commercial deposits.

General Galtieri apparently feels his gesture is more important than mere economic considerations because in his view it would allow Britain to retain a direct, though admittedly tenuous connexion with the islands for the foreseeable future.

He suggested to Mr Haig that Argentine troops could be moved off the Falklands in a matter of days if the British fleet was ordered home. The islanders would run their own affairs through the naming of an administration council similar to one already in existence in the islands.

His plan would mean self-government for the islanders while peace negotiations went on, possibly under the auspices of both the United Nations and the Organization of American States, which includes the United States.

The military junta today issued a lengthy justification of its invasion of the Falklands 10 days ago, describing the islanders as a foreign population who had settled after the eviction of the original inhabitants by Britain in 1833.

It said: "The foreign population is in this case the invader and this situation cannot be repaired by the lapse of time. The Argentine Republic has recovered the Malvinas, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and their zones of influence. But it has decided not to disturb by any means the inhabitants of those islands, whose rights and way of life will be respected".

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Let them fly their flag on islands, says Owen

By Our Political Correspondent

Dr David Owen, the Social Democrats' parliamentary leader, yesterday indicated that negotiations on the Falklands' crisis might have to be conducted with three flags flying over the islands; those of Britain, the United Nations and Argentina.

He said in an interview on the BBC radio programme *The World at One* that the Argentines' insistence that their flag should continue to fly over the islands should not be made a diplomatic sticking point.



Dr Owen: public opinion the danger

Dr Owen, a former Foreign Secretary, said that an intermediate United Nations presence in the islands would fill the vacuum created by the withdrawal of Argentine forces and might be the best, face-saving route to the negotiating table. Britain would not then need to put armed troops back in the islands, although it would have to insist that the Governor returned as the administering authority.

Sir Anthony Kershaw, the Conservative MP for Stroud, and chairman of the Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, yesterday supported the line taken by Mr Francis Pym, the new Foreign Secretary, in his London Weekend Television interview on Sunday.

He said: "We can't go back to the status quo ante", and added that no one could be too dogmatic for the moment on the quest for a permanent settlement; whether it should be based on lease-back, joint

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Scheme for privatized road aid

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent

Proposals to "privatize " road building by letting construction firms finance as well as build stretches of new trunk routes have been put to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Transport.

One controversial aspect of the scheme is for the Government to repay the builders an annual charge, depending on vehicle usage. The Treasury is understood to be strongly resisting what it sees as a subterfuge to avoid public sector cash limits.

The idea, first disclosed in *The Times* last year, has strong appeal as a way of releasing road building from the constraints of public expenditure, and road builders affected by the recession are keen to try it.

The M20 from Maidstone to Ashford and the M40 extension from Oxford to Birmingham, scheduled for construction in the 1980s, are regarded as suitable candidates for a trial.

Little difficulty is expected in raising finance, which could run to more than £200m for the Oxford road or £50m for the M20, provided suitable means of repayment are agreed.

The most obvious method,- — motorway tolls, — has been ruled out on the familiar ground that Britain is too small, and its road network too dense to make them feasible. It is too easy to choose an alternative route, the argument runs.

The other method, which is Mr Howell's proposal, is to repay the debt by means of an annual charge on the Department of Transport based on traffic levels. If usage failed to reach the level predicted by the promotors the payment would be smaller.

Ministers say the scheme would simply increase the cost of roads. They do not accept that the money raised would be genuine private sector investment since the key decisions affecting profit or loss would be made almost entirely by the public sector.

Mr Howell argues, however, that it could finance much-needed new roads without adding to the burden of public expenditure.

Three youths are found shot dead

Three Merseyside teenagers who went rabbit hunting with one shotgun have been killed in a shooting incident at a remote beauty spot in Snowdonia. The bodies of Mark Otter and his twin brother Michael and James McIlroy, their friend, all aged 18, were recovered yesterday at Trawsfynydd Lake. They were reported missing on Sunday night.

Mr Stanley Otter found his sons shot dead on a field near the caravan site where the family was staying. Police found the other youth's body 300 yards away. Detectives are satisfied no one else was involved.

The twins lived at Egerton Park Close, Rock Ferry. James McIlroy lived at Ravenswood Avenue, Rock Ferry.

Violence spreads in wake of Temple Mount killings

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem, April 12

At least 20 people were injured today as a new wave of Arab protest spread through the occupied territories and east Jerusalem after yesterday's shooting on Temple Mount, in which a Jewish soldier killed two Muslims and injured many more.

Palestinian sources in east Jerusalem said 16 people received bullet wounds when Israeli troops fired to disperse demonstrators in a number of towns and refugee camps. Scores of teargas grenades were used.

Diplomatic observers who monitored the situation amomg the 1.3 million Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem said religious fervour had supplemented the nationalist protests of recent weeks.

In addition to demonstrators, a number of Jews and tourists were injured by stone-throwing Arabs in Jerusalem's walled Old City and in Gaza. The number of Easter tourists in east Jerusalem has slumped sharply, and those remaining looked ill at ease.

One clash took place on the Via Dolorosa, believed to be the route taken by Christ to his crucifixion. Mr Eli Fastman, an Israeli cameraman working for the British Viznews company, was hit in the shoulder when soldiers fired. He was the first newsman wounded in the latest disturbances.

From Nablus, in the West Bank, to Rafah, in Gaza, Arabs took part in an almost complete strike called by the Higher Muslim Council in Jerusalem. In many towns, smoke billowed from burning barricades and Palestinian flags were waved. A mob tried to burn down the town hall.

The Temple Mount, sacred to Jews and Muslims, remained sealed off by Israeli troops in an effort to avert violence. Police with water cannons, and hundreds of armed men were on special alert from dawn.

In the morning, the influential Muslim council issued a statement denying the claim by Mr Menachem Begin, Israel's Prime Minister, tha yesterday's violence was the work of a mentally sick man. The council said that if this had been the case, the man would not have been accepted into the Israeli Army.

Israeli police sources disclosed that the gunman, Mr Allen Goodman, aged 38, had been undergoing one of the shortened army training courses specially designed for new immigrants. The M16 rifle from which he fired some 60 bullets was his army-issue weapon.

After the meeting of the Muslim council, 37 Arabs, including many Palestinian notables, were arrested when they attempted to march towards the Temple Mount. One of the organizers, Mr Anwar Nusseibeh, a former Jordanian defence minister and ambassador to London, said: "I am sorry that they stopped this, because it is a peaceful procession. It is an expression of a deep, religious faith."

Violence and unrest have spread to Arab areas which had not been affected by recent Palestinian disturbances. Thousands of Arab workers refused to come to their jobs in Israel, and an attempt was made to block the main railway line between Jerusalem and the Mediterranean coast.

Curfews have been imposed in two refugee camps. Near the Gaza town of Khan Younis protesters were fired on by Israeli troops. Local sources said six people were injured. In a camp near Bethlehem, Palestinians said a five-year-old child had been seriously injured by an Israeli bullet.

□ Cairo: Egypt today condemned the Temple Mount killings as a "reckless act" and demanded that Israel take measures to ensure the safety of the holy places.

□ Beruit: A rocket-propelled grenade hit the United States Embassy here today, but caused no casualties.

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Yacht racing couple swept to death

By Richard Evans

A man and woman died yesterday in a sailing accident off Hartlepool, Cleveland, after coastguards had warned small boat sailors against going to sea.

The couple, both in their mid-40s, were swept from a 22-foot yacht after sailing from Hartlepool yacht club in a local race. Tees coastguards had said a 9ft swell was running.

"It was just Easter madness. They were not even wearing life jackets. We did not know that the race was on and despite our radio warnings the club had not contacted us. But this often happens, the coastguards said.

The worst trouble came at Southend where police made more than 140 arrests yesterday. About 60 teenagers must return to the Essex town in two weeks' time to appear in court.

All leave for local police was cancelled as youngsters from Milton Keynes, Margate and London descended on the resort. "There have not been a lot of running battles as in the past. They are all on the same side, they are all skinheads and the only people they are aggrieved with is us," a police spokesman said.

Six Hell's angels were arrested at Penmaenmawr yesterday after a sheep was killed.

Thousands of scooter-riding youths caused trouble in the Yorkshire resort of Scarborough, where more than 130 people were arrested over the weekend.

Eight youths were arrested yesterday in Great Yarmouth after disturbances among skinheads on the resort's Golden Mile.

As tens of thousands of motorists headed home last night the RAC said cost-cutting maintenance had caused a large rise in breakdowns. "Most of the faults could have been avoided by proper maintenance", a spokesman said.

"In many cases, drivers' attempts at DIY have made matters worse. It is often only a minor fault, but by the time we arrive they have taken half the engine apart", said one patrolman.

Traffic troublespots included the Winchester bypass where there was a seven-mile queue last night. The AA reported long queues in North Wales. The North-West took the brunt of yesterday's day tripper traffic with 10-mile queues on the M6.

Cars were nose to tail on the A64 and A59 in Yorkshire while there was an 8-mile queue near the Bewdley safari park in Worcestershire. Roads out Stratford-upon-Avon were heavily congested.

Despite the traffic problems, conditions were less chaotic than in the past. Many people have today off while others are combining a week's holiday with the Easter break.

The RAC said: "It has not been an incredibly busy weekend because of the weatherand because of the recession."

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Flat fire kills four children

By a Staff Reporter

Four children died in a breakfast-time blaze at their home in Lambeth, south London, yesterday while their mother was at an all-night party.

Miss Doreth Morally, aged 24, returned to her maisonette in Guildford Road to see firemen tackling the blaze. She was taken to hospital and treated for shock.

The children were Neil, aged 5, twins Nathan and Naomi, aged 4, and Nigel, aged 1. Their bodies were removed from a back bedroom on the second floor. The family's pet dog also died in the fire.

Neighbours said they saw the flames and smoke coming from the maisonette and Mr Leonard Adams, aged 40, tried to rescue the children, but was driven back by the heat and smoke. "I could hear the children crying inside. It is something I will never forget. There was nothing I could do", he said.

Det Inspector Ian Brown of Clapham CID said: "The mother was out at an all-night party. She had made noarrangements for anyone else to look after the children. They were lert alone all night. It is just unfortunate that the fire started while she was out. Mr Derek Bryant, her common law husband, describes her as a hermit who never goes out".

□ Mrs Lilly Goodwin, aged 70, of Cleveland Court, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, died in a fire at her home yesterday

Photographs by Tony Weaver







Unbridled impudence: High fashion among the contestants at the London harness horse parade at Regent's Park, yesterday.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Trapped fox claims rejected

The Masters of Foxhounds Association yesterday rejected claims by the League Against Cruel Sports that a fox had been trapped in a box and released in front of hounds on Ministry of Defence land in Surrey. The association said that the alleged incident occurred in mid-February and was publicized by opponents of hunting on Sunday to try to influence district council debate at the end of the month (Hugh Clayton writes).

Waverley District Council is to consider a motion calling for a ban on its land. The district includes the Ministry land where the Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Hunt is said to have released the fox.

Mr Michael Clayton, spokesman for the association, said yesterday: "At least a dozen eyewitnesses have confirmed that the fox was bolted from the earth and was not captured and put in a box."

The capture and release of a fox before hounds would call for disciplinary action by the association.

CBI pressure for heavier lorries

Industrialists in Yorkshire and Humberside have been urged by the Confederation of British Industry to write to their MPs arguing for heavier lorries to be allowed on Britain's roads. The Government has proposed to allow 40 tonne lorries, instead of the present 32.5 tonne limit, but the plans have been opposed by environmentalists.

The CBI says a higher limit will cut fuel and licensing costs and reduce the number of lorries on the road.

Refugee boat people marry

Two Vietnamese boat people who found refuge in Britain were married in Torquay yesterday. Yuan-Thien Cao, aged 22, and his bride My-Oi, aged 23, met and fell in love at a British refugee camp 18 months ago.

Yuan-Thien was at sea in a boat without food or water for four days before being picked up by a British freighter. He said after the wedding: "I am training to be a motor mechanic and we will live wherever there is work."

Mother charged with murder

Mrs Elaine Morris, aged 31, was charged today with murdering her three children: Fiona, aged 10, Alison, aged seven, and Alexander, aged 16 months, at their home in Victoria Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, at the weekend.

Mrs Morris, who was divorced six years ago, will appear before Fleetwood magistrates today. She was admitted to Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, in a coma on Sunday.

Princess with a Russian secret

The Princess of Wales yesterday revealed a culinary secret in the Duke of Beaufort's Hunt recipe book which will be on sale at the Badminton Horse Trials on Thursday. She is said to be "very fond" of borscht. Her recipe for the Russian beetroot soup includes the ingredients, but no instructions for cooking them.

Attack charge

Gerald Smith, a police sergeant, aged 32, of Winsley Road, Freshbrook, Swindon, Wiltshire, was remanded in custody for seven days by Swindon magistrates yesterday charged with the attempted murder of WPC Loraine Woolway, aged 24, at her flat in Greenmeadow, Swindon, on Saturday. WPC Woolway suffered knife wounds.

Elver champion

Mr Ian Mould, aged 33, a building worker, from Dursley, Gloucestershire, won the annual elver eating contest at Frampton on Severn yesterday, swallowing a pound of fried young eels in 39 seconds. Last year's winner was disqualified for messy eating.

Employment Bill a threat to unity and growth, Nalgo says

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Correspondent

The biggest white collar union in Britain has told its shop stewards that its power to call strikes has been in most circumstances seriously impaired and in some extinguished by the new Employment Bill.

The warning to 30,000 shop stewards and leading union activists from the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo) comes in an internal bulletin which says that the union faces having its unity bargaining strength and hitherto rapid growth permanently undermined when the Bill, now in committee stage in the House, becomes law. The bill could be seen as one of the greatest threats ever faced by the union.

Intended for consumption within the union, the analysis is the most detailed yet to emerge of the impact of the Bill on an individual union. It is a bleak assessment of what the report itself calls the "incalculable" consequences of the Government's fresh curbs on union power.

The tone of the report is dramatized by the union leadership's desire to impress upon its members the need to join TUC opposition to the Bill. The bulletin says that "most Nalgo members are unaware of the dangers of the Bill."

Nevertheless there is no mistaking the genuine undercurrent of anxiety in the hierarchy of the union, the country's fourth biggest, over the impact of the Bill on a union all of whose 782,000 members work in public services, most in local government.

The union was at the centre of the closed shop dispute after the case of Miss Joanna Harris, the Sandwell pultry inspector who refused to join Nalgo and whose subsequent dismissal played a large part in the decision by Mr James Prior, then Secretary of State of employment to commit himself to further legislation on the closed shop.

The union warns shop stewards that the increase in compensation available to workers dismissed for refusing to join a union together with the greater risk that the union will itself be "joined" as a party to an action for unfair dismissal, means that local union officers should "take the utmost care not to put pressure on employers to dismiss non-members."

It also says that by tightening the definition of a trade dispute in earlier legislation Mr Norman Tebbit, the present Secretary of State for Employment, has severely hampered Nalgo's power to take the sort of action in defence of jobs that the union has called in the past.

Action by health service members against private agancies would be outlawed, and the successful one-day strike against the government's proposed sale of gas showrooms might be unlawful because it did not come under the heading of a trade dispute.

The bulletin warns activists against underestimating the damaging implications of the Bill's provision rendering unions liable for damages after unlawful strikes by members which were "authorized or endorsed by a responsible person in the union". It says that the union's emergency committee might now have to take legal advice every time it is asked to authorize a strike and adds: "If the . . . committee saw the protection of union funds as its primary duty it would tend to authorize requests for industrial action on very rare occasions indeed".

Overall, the bulletin says the Employment Bill threatens to "put the clock back by hampering industrial action over service conditions issues and making it unlawful to strike in defence of the services our members provide". It adds: "It is therefore possible to see it as one of the greatest threats to Nalgo's effectiveness as a trade union in our entire history".

The dangers the union sees

The report predicts that:

Strikes "in defence" of the services in which Nalgo members work, including those against returning nationalized areas to private hands, are likely to be unlawful under the new Act.

Damaging splits between the leadership and rank and file might be caused by executive reluctance to call strikes because of liability for damages.

The strength of closed shops will diminish while prospects of creating new ones will become "virtually non-existent".

Provisions designed to rule out "union labour only" clauses from contracts will favour the use of private contractors on cost grounds and lead to poorer public service wages and conditions.

Clauses allowing employers to dismiss selectively with due warning workers who strike "is bound to weaken and undermine all strike action. They are likely also to burden Nalgo with extra costs to support strikers who refuse to return to work after notice has been served.

Parliament's unfinished business:

Battle looms over Tebbit Bill 'guillotine'

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Backbench Conservative MPs reacted angrily to Labour's suggestion two weeks ago that Mr Norman Tebbit would have to resort to a "guillotine" for the first time in his parliamentary career to get the Employment Bill on to the statute book.

But with more than 100 hours of committee time consumed on the first three clauses, and with 14 more to be debated, the Secretary of State for Employment has had to swallow his pride in the interests of legislating.

The parliamentary timetable curtailing debate on the Bill will be announced next Tuesday, the day after MPs return from their Easter recess, and it is bound to be fiercely resisted by the Opposition whose delaying tactics made the measure necessary in the first place.

Labour's team on the committee examining Mr Tebbit's labour reforms is led by Mr Eric Varley, the shadow employment secretary. But the real harrying of the Government side has been done by Mr Harold Walker, the Yorkshire terrier of the Parliamentary Labour Party, who is sponsored by the engineering workers union and is a former Minister of State at the Department of Employment.

He is ably assisted by such MPs as Mr Ron Leighton, who is sponsored by the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel, and Mr Ian Mikardo, sponsored by the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs.

They kept the committee talking for 40 hours on Clause 1 of the Bill, which will empower the minister to pay compensation to people who lost their jobs as a result of the closed shop provisions of Mr Michael Foot's Trade Unions and Labour Relations Act of 1974.

The Government has set aside £2m to compensate about 4,000 people who are thought to have been dismissed for refusing to join a union and at "retrospective justice" made the debate on the closed shop a protracted and acrimonious affair.

The committee is still discussing the closed shop, but has now moved on to the proposed "special award" of up to £20,000 for workers dismissed for non-membership of a union who are not reinstated by an industrial tribunal. Labour MPs regard this as a financial enticement to dissidents to opt out of their union and make closed shops practically inoperable.

However, contentious as the issues are, the real meat of the Bill has not yet been discussed: the new definition of what is equally a trade dispute; the opening up of union funds to actions for civil damages; the outlawing of labour-only contracts and the fair dismissal of strike leaders.

Nor does it end there. Conscious that this might be the last important industrial relations Bill of the Thatcher adminstration, employers and politicians are seeking to get in as much as they can. The engineering employers, through Mr Gerrard Neale, the Conservative MP, for Cornwall North, are seeking to add new clauses to lay off workers affected by guerrilla stoppages or a national emergency such as a miners strike.

Th Conservative Trade Unionists, through Mr Timothy Renton the MP for mid Sussex, their president who sits on the committee, want provisions for compulsory secret ballots for national strikes and for trade union office and the issue of the political levy is still exercising some backbenchers who would like trade unionists to contract-in rather than contract-out of paying the levy to the Labour Party.

The imposition of a guillotine makes it less likely that time will be found for these extra clauses, even though the Secretary of State for Employment has some sympathy for their aims. They could be written into a final "rag-bag" Bill to be introduced in the next (and perhaps last) session of Parliament.

While the present Parliamentary scene is one of disorder and delay, the TUC has worked out its strategy on opposition to the Bill as it stands now. Firms are being approached to give undertakings that they will not invoke the legislation, and there is an admitted reluctance on the part of some, largely public sector employers, to have anything to do with "Tebbit's law."

None the less, it is scheduled to receive the Royal Assent before the summer recess and after that it will be up to individuals and third parties, as well as firms directly affected, to determine whether it is used.

With Mr James Prior's Employment Act, 1980 the new law will place a very tight legal framework within which trade unions are able to work.

It has been skilfully constructed to render a seventies-style union boycott ineffective, and to survive the next general election unless Labour wins an overall majority and implements its pledge of total repeal.

Tomorrow: The Criminal Justice Bill.

New verdicts in May murder trial

The Terry May murder jury established another legal precedent yesterday when the Central Criminal Court opened for the first time on an Easter Monday.

The jury, who spent their seventh day deciding verdicts, will today equal the court's record for a jury's deliberations. The Notting Hill Carnival trial in 1977 took eight days to return a verdict.

Mr Carlton Newsome, aged 18, was cleared yesterday of the murder and manslaughter of Mr May, aged 19, a cripple. Mr Newsome, of Biggin Hill, Upper Norwood, was also acquitted of riot and affray.

Dwight Lewin, aged 18, of Melfort Road, Thornton Heath, and Patrick Taylor, aged 19, of Cobden Road, south Norwood, were convicted of rioting in Thornton Heath, south London, last June. Taylor was also convicted of affray. Earlier in the trial, he was acquitted of murdering Mr May on the direction of Mr Justice Farquharson.

The jury still have to reach verdicts on seven other youths accused of rioting and on one accused of murdering Mr May, who was stabbed to death.

Ski teachers who need lessons

By Ronald Faux

There have been bad habits abroad on Cairn Gorm this Easter, according to Mr Clive Freshwater, chairman of the British Association of Ski Instructors (BASI).

Weight has been allowed to remain thoroughly on the wrong foot, knees have been neither bent nor together and other fundamental sins of skiing have gone unchecked. In skiing terms the blind have been too often led by the half-sighted.

The trouble had become critical at Easter because there were too many pupils and not enough qualified instructors. Rather than turn away business, Mr Freshwater declared, some ski schools and others organizing skiing holidays had recruited assistance from skiers who had never been taught how to teach and whose own skiing methods might bristle with faults.

In addition, local schools and city-based organizations had helped to drum up business and produce more coachloads of clients than the system could cope with.

"That is basically bad for the sport, for Cairn Gorm and for the qualified instructors working here. People are roped in to help. Some are good skiers but untrained as instructors and sadly some are not even good skiers," Mr Freshwater said.

The number using Cairn Gorm in a public holiday could reach 5,000, of which 2,000 might be at some stage of instruction. That meant that seven principal ski schools operating on the mountain would require about 180 instructors, far in excess of the regular and qualified complement available. One school admitted that half its instructors were unqualified.

"There is nothing to stop anyone operating a ski school and employing people to teach the sport. It is perfectly legal. BASI is the only British organization training instructors and over the last 20 years we have qualified about 1,700. Of these, 600 still pay membership. but few more than 150 actually work. There is an important place for unqualified instructors but their number and what they do must be supervised", he said.

The boom in skiing shows little sign of diminishing but on Cairn Gorm, because activity fluctuates between such high and low troughs because of weather conditions and holiday demand, it is commercially impossible for the schools to maintian a steady level of staffing.

Mr Derek Brightman, secretary of the Association of Ski Schools in Great Britain and vice-chairman of the Cairn Gorm Association of Ski Schools, which represents 15 centres in the area, admitted there was virtually no control over people coming to the slopes to teach skiing.

"For example, the Scottish National Ski Council award a certificate for ski party leaders. They are not supposed actually to teach anyone, but they end up doing it. The pressure at this time of year is so great that unqualified instructors have to be used, but I feel it is best to keep them within the ski school system so that some kind of overall supervision can be kept."

Mr Robert Clyde is general manager of the Cairn Gorm Chair Lift Company which has a turnover approaching £1m a year from the 26 ski runs on the mountain. The company has controversial ambitions to extend into the northern corries of Cairn Gorm.

Mr Clyde said that only registered instructors were allowed the substantial discounts on the lift system or permitted to wear anything that looked like an instructor's uniform.

Errors in evidence at Belvoir inquiry

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

A prediction that there will be no room for farming in the East Midlands in 250 years has been struck out of an official report by government agricultural staff. The original version of the document was used by the Country Landowners' Association as part of its evidence against development of the Belvoir coalfield.

The prediction was quoted by Mr Michael Mann, QC, the inspector at the public inquiry into the coalfield plan, in his recommendation to the Government. The report, as submitted by the association, said that by the year 2230 the five counties would be so clogged with urban and industrial development that there would be no room left for farming.

That estimate has been deleted from the latest version of the report, entitled *Agriculture in the East Midland Region; Progress Report, 1979.* The report was written more than two years ago by Mr H. A. Thomas, a regional agricultural officer with the Goverment's farm advisory service.

It looks at the whole of the area covered by the National Coal Board's bitterly contested proposal to open three new mines in the Vale of Belvoir. It also takes in most of the existing Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire coalfields.

An official at the Ministry in Whitehall said: "The report differs because it was originally a policy draft which was found by the Ministry to contain a number of errors."

The estimate that farming would have been squeezed out of the six counties in the East Midlands region in about 250 years was based on the assumption that the rate of farmland lost to urban use in recent years would continue. "This is patently unsound because there is no foundation for the assumption that past trends will continue", the Whitehall official said. He added that it would take too long to identify the other mistakes in the original version of the report.

The Ministry said at the inquiry that it did not oppose the mining in the Vale of Belvoir because it was not in a position "either to express views on need or to suggest alternative sites on lower quality land".

But the impact on agriculture was one of the key points on which Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, differed with Mr Mann about the fate of the mining plan.

Mr Mann took particular care to point out that the agricultural objections to Belvoir were not enough to make him reject the plan to open three mines in the Vale.

When Mr Heseltine announced last month that he had decided that the proposed Hose mine would be "environmentally unacceptable," he also rejected Mr Mann's recommendation to allow mining and tipping at the southern site near Asfordby.

Mr Heseltine said that "concern about the disappearance of agricultural land" was "one of the matters that led me to the judgment I have taken on Asfordby, where we are dealing with Class One agricultural land". The Government has been more sympathetic than Mr Mann to the agricultural arguments against the Belvoir coalfield.

The County Landowners' Association argued in the inquiry that the amount of land lost to the coalfield might be twenty times as great as the total suggested by the National Coal Board. "I found the argument unrealistic and unconvincing", Mr Mann said.

Watchdogs 'need more teeth'

By Nicholas Timmins

Consumers' councils dealing with nationalized industries should be strengthened, consulted earlier and more fully on policy issues, and in the case of the Electricity Consumers' Council (ECC) should be given statutory status, the ECC said yesterday.

"Where an industry is in a monopoly position, it should be the responsibility of that industry to demonstrate to its consumer council that it is providing value for money in the purest sence", the council said in its response to the Government's consultative document on the future of the consumer's councils.

The electricity industry is both large and strong, with powerful trade unions, and "it is vital for a strong consumer voice to be heard, especially at national level", Mr Michael Barnes, the council chairman, said yesterday. Providing it with statutory satatus would help to ensure that.

At present it is the only one of the 44 nationalized industry consumer councils without such status. Providing it would give the council a right to information where now it has to rely on the voluntary provision of information. It would give the council more authority, would force consultation on important policy matters, and would strengthen the council's efforts to have a say in issues which do much to determine the future price of electricity.

At present, the council complains, on some issues it receives too little information too late to be helpful, from both the Electricity Council and more particularly the Central Electricity Generating Board sometimes there has been outright refusal to provide information.

On the Government's broader suggestions, the concil argues against grouping several councils into a single "utilities" consumer council covering electricity, gas and coal. Such a council would be too big, too bureaucratic and too remote.

What is needed is a stronger right to full and early consultation on policy issues for all councils.

Response to the Department of Trade's Consultative Document "Consumers' Interests and the Nationalized Industries" – Electricity Consumers' Council, 119 Marylebone Road, NW1 5PY, £1

Union fears on export of plutonium

By Our Labour Correspondent

Leaders of the country's 34,000 power supply engineers are to warn the Government that their crucial support for the nuclear energy programme could be jeopardized if plutonium exported to the United States is used for military purposes.

The Electrical Power Engineers' Association, the politically moderate but industrially powerful union which includes almost all senior engineers and managers, has opposed any move by President Reagan to use British-derived plutonium in his expanding nuclear weapon programme.

The move follows confirmation by the Foreign Office that talks have taken place with the United States Government over the possible export of plutonium. Although the Foreign [illegible] emphasized in Octo[illegible] any export of p[illegible] would be for civil p[illegible] the association fe[illegible] could indirectly [illegible] defence programme.

The United States reportedly needs plutonium from Britain, which has plentiful stocks, for its Clinch River fast breeder reactor project, which was suspended by President Carter and then restarted by the Reagan administration. It is widely thought that the Americans need to exploit their own production of plutonium, — which in Britain is extracted from spent fuel rods, — for warheads for new missiles.

The Foreign Office also emphasized last year that exports would be covered by international safeguards laid down by the international Atomic Energy Authority in Vienna. Plutonium has been sent from Britain to the United States before, as part of the 1,250 kilograms of the material exported to a number of countries since 1971.

However, at an unreported session of the conference last week, the union endorsed a resolution urging the Central Electricity Generating Board "to make known its intention to maintain as clearly as possible the distinction between civil and military uses of nuclear materials".

Mr John Lyons, the association's general secretary, is expected to seek a meeting with the board and Mr Nigel Lawson, the Secretary of State for Energy, to outline the union's policy. Mr Lyons is likely to say that the union is far from being unilateralist or anti-American,

Science report

New hope of avoiding rejection

By the Staff of "Nature"

It may be possible to prevent the rejection of transplanted organs by exposing them to high concentration of oxygen after removal from the donor but before transplantation to the host. That is the conclusion of a study that shows that the rejection of an organ takes place in two steps.

Successful organ transplantation from one unrelated individual to another is hampered by the problem of rejection. Little is yet known about how the white blood cells of the host are triggered to attack and reject transplanted organs, but Dr David Vesole, Dr Gladys Dart, and Dr David Talmage from the University of Colorado, Denver, have now shown that the attack on thyroid gland translants in mice occurs in two distinct stages and that the critical first step occurs at a site away from the graft.

Dr Vesole and his colleagues found that the host's white cells were first alerted to the presence of foreign tissue. That was not caused by the tissue itself but by passenger cells found within it, most of which were white blood cells. The recognition of those cells initiates the second stage of events, which leads to the destruction of the graft.

By culturing the thyroid tissue in the laboratory under high levels of oxygen and increased pressure for one to two days before transplantation Dr Vesole and his colleagues were able selectively to kill the passenger white blood cells responsible for the first stage of rejection. Instead of being rejected, most thyroid grafts then become established as stable grafts. This delicate balance in favour of their acceptance, however, could easily be tipped towards rejection. This happened when mice with staple thyroic transplants were injected with activated white blood cells from the spleen of another mouse suggesting that the grafts escaped rejection only because they had no passenger cells with which to activate the host's own white cells.

Dr Vesole and his colleagues therefore believe that rejection begins when the graft's passenger cells migrate to the spleen of lymph node to be confronted by the host's white cells. Without the passenger cells, the graft can remain hidden from attack and become established in the host. Although it was possible to remove the passenger cells of the mouse thyroid glands by culturing them in oxygen, it is not clear at this stage whether these techniques could be applied to [illegible] organs for transplant[illegible].

Source: Proceeding [illegible] National Academy of Science, USA Vol. 79 page 1626; 1982.

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Chess lead by blind champion confirmed

From Harry Golomb[illegible] Chess Correspon[illegible] Hastings

The results of [illegible] journed games from [illegible] seven in the blind [illegible] championship tournament [illegible] the Royal Victoria Hotel, Hastings has confirmed the current world champion, Krylov in his leading position in the tournament. His chief rival, Rudensky, fought stubbornly to save his game against the Yugoslav, Jukanovic, but after some seven hours' play had to concede victory to his opponent.

Krylov thus leads with six points, followed by Baretic and Jukanovic.

The results for round seven were: Krylov 1, Wunsche 0; Jukanovic 1, Rudensky 0; Atanasov 0, Baretic 1; Enjuto 1, Florian 0; Tiefenbacher 0, Benson 1; Gronberg 0, Zier 1; Sandrin 1, Eros 0; Tonteri 0, Kaane 1; Jensen 0, Sepulveda 1; Carlin 1, Vaccani 0; Schmelsser 0, Winkelmann 1. Van Gelder had the bye.

—the game between Sibas and Fesche, twice adjourned, is now hopelessly lost for Sibas.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Bahrain BD 0.650; Belgium B fra 40; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 125; Cyprus 560 mils; Denmark Dkr 7; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 80; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran IR 155; Iraq ID 0.300; Irish Republic 50p; Italy L 1800; Jordan LD 0.425; Kuwait KD 0.500; Lebanon LL 4.00; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc 75; Malta 30c; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 90; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR 6.50; Singapore $5.00; Spain Pes 135; Sweden Skr 6.00; Switzerland Frs 3.00; Syria £S6.50; Tunisia Din 0.600; USA $1.50; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 60.

Israelis accuse Egypt of abetting PLO

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, April 12

Two weeks before its scheduled withdrawal from the Sinai, the Israeli Government has accused Egypt of abetting the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), of forming closer links with it, and of breaching certain military clauses in the Camp David peace treaty.

An official refused to provide specific details beyond claiming that Egypt and the PLO had formed markedly closer ties in recent weeks. It is understood that Israel has alleged that these include facilitating the smuggling of weapons across the border into the occupied Gaza Strip.

The Israelis have also accused Egypt of breaching the spirit of the treaty during a *speech to a conference of* non-aligned countries in Kuwait last week, when the Egyptian delegate, Mr Ismet Abdel-Meguid, made no reference to Palestinian autonomy, and instead set out a proposal for Palestinian self-determination.

Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, today told a delegation from the armed services committee of the United States House of Representatives that, while Israeli scrupulously observed the Camp David treaty, Egypt did not always do the same. He said Mr Abdel-Meguid had attacked Israel in the strongest possible terms and it was inconceivable that he was speaking without higher government approval. His speech, Mr Begin said, violated the clause in the treaty in which Israel and Egypt undertook not to conduct hostile propaganda againgst each other.

In a related development, Mr David Levy, the Deputy Prime Minister, said in a speech to young members of his right wing Herut Party that if, because of Egypt's unwillingness to accept the peace treaty, the withdrawal from Sinai was delayed, let it be delayed.

The sudden deterioration of Israeli-Egyptian relations has caused international concern about Israel's willingness to press ahead with the Sinai evacuation on April 25.

Today the allegations against the Egyptian Government were passed formally to Mr Nocholas Veliotes, a United States Assistant Secretary of State who has begun an initiative to iron out the *differeces*. Mr Walter Stoessel, Deputy Secretary of State, will take over the American diplomatic effort later this week.

After talks this morning between Mr. Veliotes and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Foreign Minister, an Israeli official said Israel had expressed determination that the problems with Egypt must be solved before April 25. He refused to say what steps Israel had threateed if *the Aerican mission proved* unsuccessful.

In diplomatic circles it was noted that accusations about Egyption collusion with the PLO aparticularly its refusal to take action against the PLO office in the Sinai town of El Arish — have been made before. There as puzzlement about Israel's precise intentions in bringing them to diplomatic prominence at such a crucial point.

The Israeli official said the request for American diplomatic aid reprsented serious concern about Egypt's intentions after the final Sinai withdrawal. He described Egypt's stand at the non-aligned conference as "very worrying".

Foreign observers thiught the Israeli moves were designed to tell the world about the high price the Government feels it is paying for the peace treaty. They were also regarded as an accurate *reflection of widespread* concern aming Israelis over the future of relations with Egypt after the sinai handover.

In addition to the Israeli complaints about Egyptian attitudes, official negotiations have still failed to resolve 15 outstanding points of diffrence in demarcation of the border, including the dispute over the resort complex at Taba Bay on the Gulf of Aqaba.



White-masked peace protesters near Basle carry an imitation nuclear bomb and a banner bearing the Biblical message: "Glory to God on high and peace on earth among men." About 11,000 people took part in the Easter peace march. In West Germany, 450,000 joined protests against the planned deployment of the new United States nuclear missiles in Europe. The four days of peace rallies up and down the country came to an end last night with demonstrations in Dortmund, Berlin, Hanover and other cities. The weekend turnout, despite poor weather which included snow, was hailed as a huge political success by a peace movement spokesman. "The message is that we shall not rest until the deployment of medium-range missiles is stopped", he said.

Two years of Doe's rule

Liberia's drift to right accelerates

From Godfrey Morrison Monrövia, April 12

Liberia today celebrated Redemption Day, the second anniversary of a military coup in which the former civilian President, William Tolbert, was killed and more than a century of rule by the country's Americo-Liberian elite was swept away.

This West African state, founded by freed American slaves, is still very much under the control of Mr Samuel Doe, at the time of the coup a master-sergeant but now commander-in-chief and head of state.

Like other members of the People's Redemption Council (PRC) which exercises supreme power here, he is not of Americo-Liberian descent but comes from one of the tribes from the interior, which felt themselves dominated by the Americo-Liberians.

Internationally, the regime got off to an inauspicious start with public executions of members of the previous administration causing widespread condemnation from African neighbours and the international community.

But the coup was locally popular and the PRC appears *to remain* so, not least because the establishment of a commission to write a new constitution seems to show that it is in earnest in keeping to its timetable for a return to civilian rule in three years time, on April 12, 1985.

When he seized power at the age of 28 Mr Doe appeared to many observers a somewhat revolutionary, even apocalyptic, figure. Thin and wiry, hollow cheeked, dressed in combat uniform, he would bark out his public pronouncements in a strange, broken English.

Two years *later* he is distinctly plump and round-faced, affects well-cut business suits, rattles off a prepared text with fluency

The steady drift towards the right accelerated last August when, after an alleged coup plot had been uncovered, Major-General Thomas Weh Syen, Mr Doe's deputy, and three other PRC officers were arrested and subsequently executed. They were generally seen as the radical element within the PRC.

The dominant foreign influence here remains the United States and a Liberian order last May that Libya close its Peoples Bureau and that the Soviet Embassy reduce its staff from 15 to six was widely seen as a response to American pressure.

American leverage is easy to understand. "This country is to all intents and purposes broke," was how one economist put it. Without Washington's bilateral aid and assistance from the International *Monetary* Fund, the economy would cease to function.

Mr Doe is widely credited here with a genuine desire to get his soldiers back to their barracks, but in restoring civilian rule he has to take into account the wishes of the other members of the PRC and the armed forces.

A *principal reason* for the coup was that he and his fellow soldiers lived in slum conditions in squalid barracks while *Tolbert* and his cronies lived off the fat of the land.

It is no accident that a key element in the United States aid programme is $43.5m (£24m) earmarked for building barracks and living quarters for the Liberian Army. Such are the realities of West African politics.

☐ In a speech marking the second anniversary of military rule Mr Jackson Doe, advisor to the head of state on national and international affairs, called on the military authorities to stamp out corruption, dishonesty and inefficiency from the public service, which was the prime reason for the coup

Friends of Reagan to be envoys

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles, April 12

Although stung by criticism that he is appointing too *many political* friends and supporters as ambassadors, President Reagan will name more, not fewer, such candidates in the months to come.

The Los Angeles Times quotes the White House personnel director, M. Pendleton James, as declaring: "The question is not whether we have too many political appointees. We don't have enough. I fight in every case for a political appointee instead of a career officer if the *appointee is qualified*."

The news will not be sweet music to the ears of the American Foreign Service Association, which has 5,000 active-duty and 2,000 retired career officers on its rolls. The association has contended that the "vast majority" of Reagan appointments are people who are "relatively undistinguished as public figures".

In The *Los Angeles Times* interview, Mr James said the political appointees were better ambassadors because they had access to the President and White House officials.

"Let's say you're the host country", he said. "Would you rather have an ambassador who knows the minutiae of the operations of the State Department, such as export quotas, or one who has political contacts and can get a Jim Baker, or Ed Meese or Mike Deaver or Al Haig on the phone and make contact with the President?"

"A career officer won't call Al Haig. He will go through the established hierarchy and his message will be filtered down before it will get to the President."

What has particularly angered the White House, Mr James noted, was the recent interview of Mr Malcolm Toon, the former Ambassador in Moscow who accused the Reagan Administration of using diplomatic postings as "a dumping ground for defeated politicians and Republican financial backers". Mr Toon, a career diplomat who retired three years ago after 30 years in the service, claimed that some of the most important embassies had been placed in the hands of "unqualified amateurs".

He declared that the Ambassador to Britain, Mr John Louis, a businessman and Republican financial backer, had no qualification for the job except "that he speaks English". He called the Ambassador to Mexico, Mr John Gavin, "a Hollywood actor, and not a very good one". Of the Ambassador to France, Mr Evean Griffin Galbraith, a financier, he noted: "His qualification... is that he speaks French and is a friend of Giscard d'Estaing, who is out of power and is considered the arch-enemy of the man who *is running* the country."

Mr James told The Times, however, that the Ambassador to Britain was generally regarded *as* a serious, hard working man who tried his best to keep on top of his job. He said Embassy staff reported that he worked long hours — and had not gone to London simply for the socializing.

Grenade kills policeman in Bulawayo beer hall

Bulwayo, April 12. — A police officer was killed and three were wounded in a grenade attack on a patrol here in Zimbawe's second city, a police spokesman said today. At least two civilians were *also wounded* in the Friday night blast in a suburban beer hall, the spokesman said. He said several people had been arrested in connexion with the incident but gave no details.

Five policemen had gone to the beer hall after a report of trouble there, and the grenade was tossed in when they entered, the spokesman said. There was no indication of the motive behind the attack. But there are dissidents in the Matabeleland area, many of them remnants of guerrilla groups who fought in the seven year war in the former Rhodesia.

There have been several armed attacks in Matabeleland, the political power base of Mr Joshua Nkomo, the opposition leader. Two motorists and a policeman were killed in attacks in rural areas south of Bulawayo in the last week *in March*.

Two Zimbabwean trucks were ambushed in Mozambique and a driver killed on Saturday, a spokesman for the National Freightways Trucking Company said today. The attackers were believed to be members of the Mozambique National Resistance (RNM) he said. Zimbabwe and Mozambique allege the RNM is backed by South Africa

The spokesman said the attack took place on Saturday morning about three miles from the border post of Nyamapanda in north-eastern Zimbabwe. The driver was named as Reuben Cele, a South African. — Reuter.

Murdoch offer on 'Daily News'

From Michael Hamlyn
New York, April 12

Mr Rupert Murdoch, publisher of the *New York Post*, offered a measure of worker-participation to his staff, and to the staff of the beleaguered *Daily News*, in his attempt to get union support for a takeover of the ailing *Daily News*.

He warned the Allied Printing Trades Council members who had invited him to meet them to discuss his plans for a possible *purchase, that the Post and* the *News* "are engaged in a dance of death, which must end in the disappearance of one or both newspapers". To avoid that, he was prepared to come to an agreement with the News Employees Share Ownership Trust to merge the ownership of the two papers.

The trust was set up by the staff of the *Daily News*, who committed to it their current pay increases — a total of $20m (£11m) in the first year. The employees hope that if all else fails the Chicago Tribune Company, which at present owns the paper, will sell it to them.

The present owners announced at the end of last year that they were putting the paper up for sale because of rapidly growing losses. The company said last week that it had come to an agreement with a Texan millionaire, Mr Joseph *Allbritton, provided that* he could get the terms he needed from the unions. Mr Albritton *suspended* his talks when he heard of the union's approach Mr Murdoch.

Mr Murdoch told the trades council today that he would seek immediate savings of labour costs sufficient to cover current operating deficits but would then maintain both titles separately

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Turks free Ecevit

Ankara. — Mr Bulent Ecevit, the former Turkish Prime Minister, was released yesterday after spending two days in military custody over alleged statements to the foreign press.

Mr Ecevit, three times Prime Minister in the decade before the 1980 military coup, has already spent two months in jail for giving stories to the foreign press.

70 drown near Rangoon

Rangoon.—More than 70 people are feared to have drowned when a double-decker ferry carrying 200 passengers, livestock and foodstuffs, sank 20 miles south of here.

The ferry had sailed from the Irrawaddy delta town of Henzada when it hit a sandbank. Officials said 145 people reached safety. *15* bodies had been recovered and 55 others were missing.

Kidnappers release Rome doctor

Rome.— Dr Luigi Amodio, aged 35, a Rome doctor kidnopped two months ago was freed at the weekend after a payment of £350,000 ransom.

He was abducted on January 21 by four men who entered his clinic posing as patients. The fate of nine *other people kidnapped* in Italy this year remains unknown.

New security chief

Khartoum. — Mr Omer Muhammad Tayeb, Sudan's security chief, was named first vice-president on Sunday by President Nimeiry. The post had been vacant since General Abdul Hamid Khalil was dismissed in January as part of a purge

Mother seeks spy to track killer

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg, April 12

The mother of a murdered South African academic has flown to the Seychelles in the hope that one of seven alleged mercenaries captured after November's abortive coup may be able to shed some light on the death of her son.

Mrs Jane Turner, whose son, Dr Rick Turner, was murdered while serving a five-year government banning order, wants to question Mr Martin Dolinchek, a self-confessed South African spy. The murder has never been solved.

Mr Dolinchek, who has claimed he is a member of the National Intelligence Service, the successor to South Africa's Bureau for State Security (Boss), faced a departmental investigation after Dr Turner, a Natal University lecturer, was shot dead at his Durban home in January 1978.

He went to answer a knock at the door late at night and was killed by a single shot *fired through a front*-room window. The killer has never been traced. Mr Dolinchek was cleared of any involvement at the departmental inquiry.

Mrs Turner has flown to the Seychelles to follow up claims made by Mr Arthur McGiven and Mr Alexander Lambert, two alleged Boss defectors, in London and Stockholm, that a renegade Boss agent may have killed Dr Turner. Mr Dolinchek, is expected to give evidence for the state in the Seychelles trial of the alleged mercenaries.

The trial of the seven, including one woman, was due to begin tomorrow but was postponed to June 16 in the Seychelles Supreme *Court* in Port Victoria *today*. Chief Justice Earle Seaton said that by then it was hoped that the trial in the Natal Supreme Court in Pietermaritzburg of 43 of the mercenaries on charges of air piracy under South African law should be completed.

The Pietermaritzburg trial is due to resume on April 20. Colonel "Mad Mike" Hoare, the group's leader, and 42 others have pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Argentina fails to delay OAS crisis session

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington, April 12

The 30-nation Organization of American States (OAS) has agreed to go into special session here this evening on the Falkland Island crisis. Earlier the OAS delayed the session for the second time in four days to allow American mediation attempts a chance to resolve the dispute.

There was a mood of cautious optimism in Washington today that the shuttle diplomacy by Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, could prevent an open confrontation between Britain and Argentina over the islands.

However, while there was hope that shooting in the South Atlantic could be avoided, it was recognized that finding a permanent solution to the 149-year dispute over sovereignty was much more difficult.

American officials were uncharacteristically silent about the proposals which Mr Haig was understood to have taken from Buenos Aires to London, fearing that leaks to the press at this stage could jeopardize his delicate mission.

Sources aid the broad terms of the plan being considered by Mr Haig would fall within the scope of Security Council Resolution 502 and could include:

An Argentine withdrawal and return of the islands to British administration in exchange for a recall of the British fleet steaming towards the South Atlantic.

The Argentine flag to be kept flying on the islands.

The 1,800 islanders to be allowed to choose their own form of government.

The possible deployment of an international peacekeeping force on the islands while a permanent solution is being worked out.

Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the United States representative at the United Nations, expressed the more hopeful mood prevailing in Washington during a television interview yesterday when she said: "Thiere is a reasonable likelihood that a last-minute sort of resolution may be found to the crisis which will at least avoid war or bloodshed between the two parties."

Several factors have contributed to the more buoyant mood privailing in Washington. It is felt that the extension of Mr Haig's mission means that both Britain and Argentina are interested in a face-saving compromise which can avoid open hostilities.

Actions and statements by the Government in Buenos Aires are also taken as a sign that the Argentines, suprised by the strength of the British response to the island's seizure and the tough measures taken by Britain's main allies, want a negotiated settlement.

Similarly, officials have noted the relatively moderate tone of statements emanating from Buenos Aires. For example, Mr Estaban Takacs, the Argentine Ambassador to Washington, appeared on television today saying his country was very hopeful about a settlement and that Argentina might consider a truce while talks continue.

The British side has been less compromising, but again officials believe that the tone of remarks made by Mr Francis Pym, the Foreign Secretary, on British radio and television during the weekend indicated that the British also were keen to see the dispute settled peaceably.

One remark he made has attracted particular attention. Asked about the British inststence that a settlement be acceptable to the Falklands' residents, Mr Pym suggested that their attitudes may have been altered by the trauma of the invasion.

Officials noted that a previous British plan to cede the islands to Argentina and then to lease them back for a certain number of years had failed largely becaude it had been opposed by the islanders.

Sir Nicholas Henderson, the British Ambassador, appeared on two of the main television networks' morning shows today, restating the British case and pointing to the large grain trade which Argentina enjoys with the Soviet Union. Other members of the embassy staff have also been appearing on other television and radio programmes.

One of them, Mr Christopher Crabbie, was asked about the islands for Britain: their oil potential, their fishing resources or their strategic value. He replied: "The most important thing for us is that they are British".

☐ Mr Alexander Haig flew out of a clear blue sky to land at Heathrow airport at 5.42 am, catching several United States Embassy aides and reporters unawares (Our Foreign Staff writes).

His aircraft was originally expected to land at 6.20 am. He looked exhausted when he made a short statement to waiting reporters on the tarmac telling them that he had brought with him "ideas which have been developed on the basis of United Nations Security Council Resolution 502".

He then spéd off along deserted Easter Monday streets to the Churchill Hotel in Portman Square near Marble Arch in the large black Chrysler which he uses on trips to London. After freshening up and eating breakfast he set out for Downing Street where he was greeted at No 10 by Mrs Margaret Thatcher 9.28 am. The Secretary of State, who looked less tired than when he arrived, and Mrs Thatcher, who was wearing a business-like two-piece grey suit, exchanged greetings for the benefit of reporters without their customary smiles.

Just before Mr Haig arrived, Mr Francis Pym crossed Downing Street from the Foreign Office with a polite "Good Morning".



Walking the olive branch . . .

Inhospitable islands

Life is tough, even for Land Rovers

If British troops have to land in the Falkland Islands they will find a country which is less hospitable than the people, and one hardly designed for military operations.

The pitted 800-mile coastline provides plenty of inlets for beaching parties, provided that they can steer clear of the matted, rubbery seaweed called kelp which festoons the flat shores and explains the islanders' sobriquet of "kelpers."

But the same inlets are among the assorted hazards which make overland movement arduous and slow, particularly for the islanders themselves who, for an island community, own very few boats. The fact that they are not natural sailors may have something to do with the surrounding seas which are always rough and, to the east, quickly acquire a depth of 100 fathoms.

The water is shallower to the west where the South American continental shelf stretches from Argentina, and the narrow strait dividing the islands is only about six fathoms. But at no point and at no time do the Falklands resemble holiday islands in the sun.

There is a wry saying which the locals reserve for visitors: "If you don't like the weather just stay around for 10 minutes and it should get worse."

There is little snow or frost, but plenty of rain. Winds blow at an average of 20 miles an hour throughout the year and while there are calmer periods some of the time there are stormier seasons too. At this time of the year there are about five gales a month.

The roads in Port Stanley, where about half of the 1,800 islanders reside, are full of potholes.

Although the terrain is mainly flat, soldiers on foot would have to negotiate ravines with mud at the bottom.

Once a week, when the weather is what passes for fine, a light seaplane might land near one of the country settlements with mail. Otherwise, islanders communicate with each other by radio, exchanging family gossip over the air as their main recreation. The constraints placed by the Argentine garrison on their use of radios are thought to be among the restrictions they will most resent.

The runway at Port Stanley is a fairly rudimentary airstrip

Still, troops landing on the Falklands might find life there soft and easy if they have already visited South Georgia, 800 miles south-east, where conditions are sub-Antarctic, with icebergs rather than seaweed cluttering the shore and the mountaintops rarely visible.

All this awaits troops once they have reached the islands. Getting there can be still worse. One naval officer described a voyage from Montivideo to Port Stanley, on which the weather was so bad that his ship was two days late on a four-day trip, as among the most testing he had ever made.

Henry Stanhope

Only 10% against the use of force

Overwhelming support for the Government's stated Falklands policy and repugnance for the loss of life it might involve are contrasted in the following responses in a poll conducted last Thursday by Opinion Research for London Weekend Television's *Weekend World* programme.

Support for diplomatic means backed by force (figures represent percentages):

Strong support	61
Quite strong support	18
Neither support nor oppose	11
Quite strongly oppose	5
Strongly oppose	5

Support a blockade, lasting at least six months:

Support	75
Oppose	18
Don't know	7

Support for sinking Argentine Navy:

Strongly support	48
Quite strongly support	19
Neither support nor oppose	10
Strongly oppose	12

How many British forces' lives would you be prepared to see lost?

None	57
Under 100	7
Under 1,000	4
Whatever it takes	26
Don't know	6

Would you regard many islanders killed as a price worth paying?

Worth the price	31
Not worth the price	58
Don't know	11

If the Islanders were prepared to accept Argentine rule rather than see their lives put at risk:

Britain should nevertheless use military action	18
Britain should negotiate	58
Britain should abandon claims	19
Don't know	5

Voting Intention:

Conservative	37
Labour	35
SDP/Liberal Alliance	28

Task force put on war footing in tropics

From John Witherow on board HMS Invincible April 12

Captains of several Royal Navy ships were meeting on board HMS Invincible today to coordinate exercises and bring the fleet to full readiness for war.

The captains of Invincible and the other aircraft carrier Hermes held a council of war last week but this latest meeting will include commanders of the other frigates and vessels in the task force.

Reviewing the situation, one high-ranking officer said: "The programme continues this week with more advanced and more coordinated exercises between the various ships. As each day goes by these efforts are more coordinated." Among the scheduled exercises are feigned attacks by the carriers on one another and these may well now include defensive operations by the missile-carrying frigates.

Unconfirmed reports on the BBC radio news of signs of a diplomatic solution to the crisis were meanwhile greeted with some scepticism and a "wait and see" attitude. "I'm cautiously optimistic," the officer said. "But as far as we are concerned, we press on and continue preparing for whatever the Government wants us to do."

Preparations on board the Invincible on Easter Monday against attack were the most intense since the anti-submarine carrier left Portsmouth over a week ago. The use of smoke cannisters, thunderflashes and "scare bombs" in addition to a simulated air attack were designed to add an air of realism.

A klaxon over the tannoy at 9 am and the statement: "Action stations, action stations. Assume NBCD State One. Condition Zulu" announced the start of a four-hour exercise in which five enemy aircraft were said to be launching an attack.

The Tannoy announed that the ship's Harrier fighters had been scrambled to meet the aggressors and had put several "in the water", but one attacker had slipped through and fired an Exocet missile, hitting the ship. Firefighting teams using breathing apparatus had to make their way down darkened passageways filled with smoke as one-pound scare charges, normally used to deter divers, were dropped overboard to add realistic sound effects.

The tannoy continued to announce the outbreak of fires elsewhere in the ship and the firefighting teams, watched by umpires, had to get there as fast as possible.

Commander Anthony Provest, the second-in-command, who first joined the ship, just before we sailed, described the exercise as "pretty severe" and said the crew would get the idea of the sort of damage the carrier would receive in action. Preparing the ship to withstand attack as best as possible is treated extremely seriously and one senior officer added: "There are many documented incidents of ships which didn't get it right and sank as a consequence, and here are others which got it right and were saved. The programme has been quite excellent. The flying has come together extremely well. They've pulled their act together and indeed advanced in their state of training."

He said that flying off the old type of carriers had been an especially "nerve-racking and high-tension business". But the Harriers could land across the deck and did not always force the carrier to head into the wind during take-off. "It is a new era and a nice one", he added.

"We exercise all the time and start off in a very good state.

World viewpoint

Chileans weigh up Soviet connexion

Five-column headlines in Chilean newspapers on the Falklands dispute have emphasized the country's concern about the situation and the possibility of war (Florencia Varas writes from Santiago).

Newspapers and magazines have extensively analyzed the situation over the long Easter holiday, and the conservative daily *El Mercurio* has suggested that the Soviet Union might become directly involved.

In its political analysis the paper stated that the unpredictable diplomatic moves of Señor Nicanor Cost Mendez, the Argentine Foreign Minister, implied a serious break of that country's traditional links with the West and an approach to foreign powers which opened the way to foreign influences in the hemisphere. *El Mercurio* commented that Argentine counter-moves had reached the extreme of suggesting that Soviet naval forces would intervene in support of the Argentine occupation of the Falklands.

The latest Argentine governments had had the econimic power needed to amplify and diversify their foreign relations and to win the confidence of many countries. "They have made those nations forget that (Argentina) has violated international law, disregarding the decision of the British Crown in the Beagle arbitration and procrastinating in the case being mediated by the Pope."

"One might overlook the offensive conduct of disregarding the signature and seal of Her Majesty on the document containing the decision which recognized the Chilean righ to the Islands in the Beagle Channel .... but it is not possible to condone the illegal occupation of the Malvinas nor dismiss political and juridical reaction in the face of the facts"; the paper said, affirming that the two issues were related.

Argentina was forgetting that the Pope had been waiting 16 months for the Argentine answer to his official proposal on the southern dispute with Chile. Argentina had also forgotten that it refused World Court arbitration in the Falklands dispute and that it threatened war in 1978 if Chile sought arbitration at The Hague.

Other Chilean newspapers have expressed concern regarding the economic implications and impact on Chilean foreign trade of a war zone near its borders. Chilean political analysts agree that Chile should act with extreme caution in order to capitalize on the event and to avoid errors of consequence.

Moscow: Brickbats for London and for Bonn

The Russians yesterday stepped up their attacks of Britain over the Falklands, accusing the Conservative Government of being unable to assess the international situation realistically and hankering after imperial greatness (Michael Binyon writes from Moscow).

The Soviet Union also strongly denied that the Russians were seeking advantage for themselves in the conflict, and denounced Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, for saying on Saturday that the Soviet Union was encouraging Argentina in an act of violence.

Pravda's London correspondent, in his first substantive report on the 'affair', said the British Government was showing "an amazing heedlessness of the just demands of the peoples of the developing countries", He said Britain had stubbornly refused to implement United Nations resolutions on the decolonization of the Falklands and was deliberately delaying negotiations with Argentina.

The paper said the military and diplomatic stir going on in London was being accompanied by a "noisy chauvinistic campaign" in the British press with attempts to prove from opinion polls that the majority of the population supported military confrontation.

It said there was now full military cooperation between Britain and the United States, making the South Atlantic into a full scale conflict between a developing country in South America and the global strategic interests of the imperial powers.

Meanwhile, Tass said the Americans were pursuing their own interests in the affair, which could strain the situation in Latin America even further. It said many British politicians and organizations were demanding that the Government renounced the use of force in settling the dispute.

In its sharp criticism of Herr Genscher, Tass said his accusations were untrue and he was supporting imperialist circles in Britain who were trying to reestablish colonial control in the islands using gunboat diplomacy.

Argentina is the Soviet Union's biggest trading partner in the Third World, and the Russians have expressed concern that the British naval blockade of the islands might disrupt vital Argentine exports of grain and meat to the Soviet Union. Soviet support for Buenos Aires has grown noticeably warmer in the past few days as the Russians have grasped the dimensions and implications of the conflict.

Tokyo: Suzuki 'refusing to impose sanctions'

Mr Zenko Sukuzi, the Japanese Prime Minister, has replied to Mrs Thatcher's request for full Japanese support against Argentina in the Falkland Islands dispute, according to a Foreign Ministry spokesman (Reuter reports from Tokyo).



Suzuki: said to have refused sanctions.

The spokesman refused to disclose the contents of Mr Suzuki's letter, but Kyodo, The Japanese news agency, said he had refused to impose economic sanctions against Argentina. He was quoted as saying that Japan's position was that the dispute should be solved at the United Nations.

Earlier yesterday Japan warned Argentina that relations between the two countries, especially economic links, could be damaged unless Argentine troops were withdrawn from the islands in accordance with a Security Council resolution.

The warning was given by Mr Yoshio Sakurauchi, the Japanese Foreign Minister, to Señor Gabriel Nuncio Oliva, the Argentine Ambassador to Japan, ministry officials said.

A spokesman said Mr Suzuki's letter would be delivered by the Japanese Embassy in London, and a copy was given to Sir Hugh Cortazzi, Britain's Ambassador to Japan.

Pretoria: Military pact with Argentina denied

South Africa denied that it signed a military pact with Argentina and other South American countries, according to Dr Brand Fourie, Director General of Foreign Affairs and ambassador designate to the United States (Our Johannesburg Correspondent writes).

Reacting to weekend reports that such a treaty had been in existence for nearly a decade, he said he had no knowledge of it. Such a treaty has long been mooted by South Africa and was given an urgent thrust when Britain abrogated the Simonstown agreement in 1976. The argument put forward was that with the British withdrawal from the Simonstown base and the American Presidential ban on the use of porst by United States warships, the South Atlantic nations should form their own defensive alliance.

Last year, Argentine warships visited Simonstown and General Mario Benjamin Menendez, who has been appointed governor of the Falkland Islands, was among 38 foreign generals who visited South Africa. The other visitors came from countries which have been named as signatories to the secret treaty: Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Taiwan and Israel.

☐ Whitehall sources acknowledge the existence of such a treaty, byt say that there is doubt about how formal its structure is (Our Foreign Staff writes).

They confirm that the eventual aim is to create something similar to a South Atlantic version of Nato. The pact's existence is not a significant consideration in Britain's present action against Argentina, however, largely because the treaty is not fully ratified.

Correction

Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan were in "telegraphic communication" over the Falklands on March 31, not March 17 as stated yesterday.

Mediation by UN more likely

By Our Foreign Staff

As politicians and diplomats continue to feel their way towards a Falklands settlement, the possibility of a United Nations role in an eventual solution appeared to increase yesterday.

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, was due back in New York last night after a telephone appeal early on Sunday from Mr Alexander Haig, the American Secretary of State. Mr Haig called from Buenos Aires before leaving for London.

Señor Pérez de Cuellar said that if Mr Haig's diplomacy failed, "I hope we will find other ways. The United Nations has many ways of acting." He did not spell out any specific proposals but it is possible that United Nations peacekeeping role might be needed in the Falklands as part of a settlement.

Señor Prez de Cuellar's reticence was reflected among most United Nations members, who are reluctant to put forth proposals while Mr Haig's mission continues. One exception is Peru, which has urged an immediate truce of 72 hours by both Britain and Argentina to allow breathing space for a settlement.

Yesterday President José López Portillo of Mexico who supports the Argentine claim to the islands but opposes "the use of force in settling international disputes whatever grounds were given to justify it", said that Argentina has a right to "decolonize" the islands".

He proposed a settlement "in line with the law". Señor Lopez Portillo was referring to a United Nations resolution of 1965 which, he said, recognized "the right of the Argentine Republic to decolonize the Malvinas Islands (Falklands)". However, the resolution also upholds the islanders' right to a decisive voice in this issue.



The men in charge: Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, Commander-in-chief Fleet, and his staff yesterday at HMS Warrior, Northwood, Middlesex. Left to right: Vice-Admiral Peter Herbert; Major-General Jeremy Moore (Major-General Royal Marines Commando Force); Admiral Fieldhouse; Vice-Admiral David Halifax (Chief of Staff to C in C); Air-Marshal Sir John Curtiss (AOC No 18 Group, RAF); and Rear-Admiral Peter Hammersley (Chief of Staff, Engineering).

P & O prepare bill of millions

By Nicholas Timmins

P & O, which is likely to present the Government with a bill for several million pounds in compensation when the Falkland Islands crisis is over, said yesterday that adult passengers and children deprived of cruises have been very understanding over the Government's requisitioning of their ships..

"We have had no complaints at all directed at us", a spokesman for the shipping line said yesterday. "People appreciate our position and have been extremely understanding."

The 3,000 or so passengers due to go on cruises on the Canberra up to Jume 11, which have now been cancelled, have been offered the choice of a later booking on the Canberra, a refund, or a cruise on the Sea Princess, a luxury 28,00-tonne cruise *ship providentially brought* to European waters from Australia for the first time, prior to Canberra being requisitioned. It is due to start sailing from Southampton in mid-May.

Its holidays are appreciably more expensive than those on Canberra, but while passengers will have to pay more if they transfer, P & O is offering discounts of between £50 and £200 on the normal price, depending on the length of cruise, if that option is taken.

Less lucky are children who have lost educational cruises on the Uganda. The 940 children on the current cruise are due to dock on Naples today, losing four days of a 14-day trip, when they and the 315 adults on board will be flown to Gatwick, allowing the Uganda *to be coverted in Gibraltar to* a hospital ship.

They are being offered money back pro-rata for the lost days, and the Uganda's next cruise on April 17 has been cancelled. "For the children it is bad news", a P & O spokesman said. "The Uganda is the only ship of its kind in the world and is usually booked a long time ahead". P & O will decide this week how much further ahead to cancel cruises, and will work out what space may be available on future cruises as an alternative to refunds.

The requisitioning of the roll-on roll-off ferry the Elk has meant that P & O has had to re-route cargo through its other ports

The shipping line said it has still to agree terms with the Government for the requistioning of the ships.

OIL SHOWS LITTLE PROMISE

Washington, April 12. — Offshore oil exploration in the vicinity of the Falkland Islands has not disclosed any major reserves, according to a report today by *Petroleum Information International*, an oil industry publication.

In 1975 a United States Geological Survey report estimated the area's potential could total between 40 million and 200 million barrels of oil, but there has been little exploration, according to the weekly newsletter.

It said the most successful well in the area was drilled last year by Esso, 130 miles north-east of Rio Grande on the tip of Argentina. The well, one of 13 drilled by Esso, produced 3,000 barrels of oil a day but was rated non-commercial and abandoned. Reuter.

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Britain's drink problem and the rivals who think they can cure it, by **Caroline Moorehead**

Are you drinking too much?
How would you know if you were?
If you can answer yes to two or more of the following, you have good cause for anxiety.
● Do you need to drink to give you confidence; are you the person who drinks before you get to the party?
● Do you drink more than you did when you are alone, particularly when you are depressed, miserable or worried?
● Do you start drinking earlier and earlier each day?
● Do you find that you drink embarrassingly quickly and have finished your drink long before those around you?
● Do you order yourself a double when the rest of the party are drinking singles, or do you order yourself a quick extra drink while collecting an order from the bar?
● Do you order two bottles of wine when three of you sit down to lunch?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, there is serious cause for alarm. These are danger symptoms

● Do you have an uneasy feeling that you are drinking too much; that you no longer have control over your drinking;that you can no longer take it or leave it?
● Do you feel shame when you remember behaviour after a drinking session?
● Do you conceal from your spouse or friends the amount you drink?
● Do you have time off work because of drinking; or has your work performance suffered because of alcohol?
● Do your family and friends express concern over the amount you drink?
● Have the been family quarrels because of your drinking? Are you becoming difficult, irritable and testy after drinking?
● Have you had an accident because of your drinking?
● Has your sexual drive and ability suffered because of your drinking?
● Do you find that your memory is getting worse? Have you ever had loss of memory after a heavy drinking session?

The unacceptable side of 'just one more drink'

"Being sober is fun" says a poster that hangs by the entrance to the offices of the anti-alcoholism group, ACCEPT, in part of what was once London's Western Hospital. Underneath two men are gazing out, laughing hilariously. The problem *is* that growing numbers of people each year don't find it much fun, *preferring to risk* the many psychological and physical disorders that come with alcoholism (liver damage, loss of memory, cirrhosis, hepatitis, heart illness and so on) to doing without drink.

It is now thought that there are 600,000 dependent drinkers in Britain alone with a further million to 1.2m with serious drinking problems. The consumption of drink has in fact risen so dramatically throughout the world in the past 10 years that some doctors now speak of alcoholism as an epidemic, possibly even a cyclical one which, according to one analysis, *is likely to peak in* 1990. No one knows *why* the world has turned to drink: certainly the relative drop in cost of alcohol plays an enormous part, but so, say the experts, has advertising, extended licensing laws and the availability of alcohol in supermarkets.

Some aspects of modern alcoholism are particularly striking. Women, low drinkers until 10 years ago — except for at some moments during the past century — are now rising sharply. Alcoholic cirrhosis, which was five times more prevalent in men is now only twice as common.

Alcoholics are also getting younger. Drinking among the young has not been very marked this century (except in New York where the Bellevue Hospital records for the turn of the century show large numbers of teenage alcoholic inmates) and until recently Alcoholics Anonymous had virtually no young members. Their most recent survey, however, shows 11.3 per cent under 30. ACCEPT says that its clients' average age has fallen from between 40 to 60 five years ago to 25 to 37 today.

Where can an alcoholic go? *As recently* as 15 years ago a patient with a serious drinking problem would be offered an in-patient bed in which to dry out. If he refused to take it he was considered "insufficiently motivated" and shown the door. Since then, partly because because of the influence of American research, and the feeling that six weeks in hospital does not teach people to cope with their normal lives sober (and turns them, instead into "treatment junkies"), the emphasis has now swung towards skilled out-patient day care.

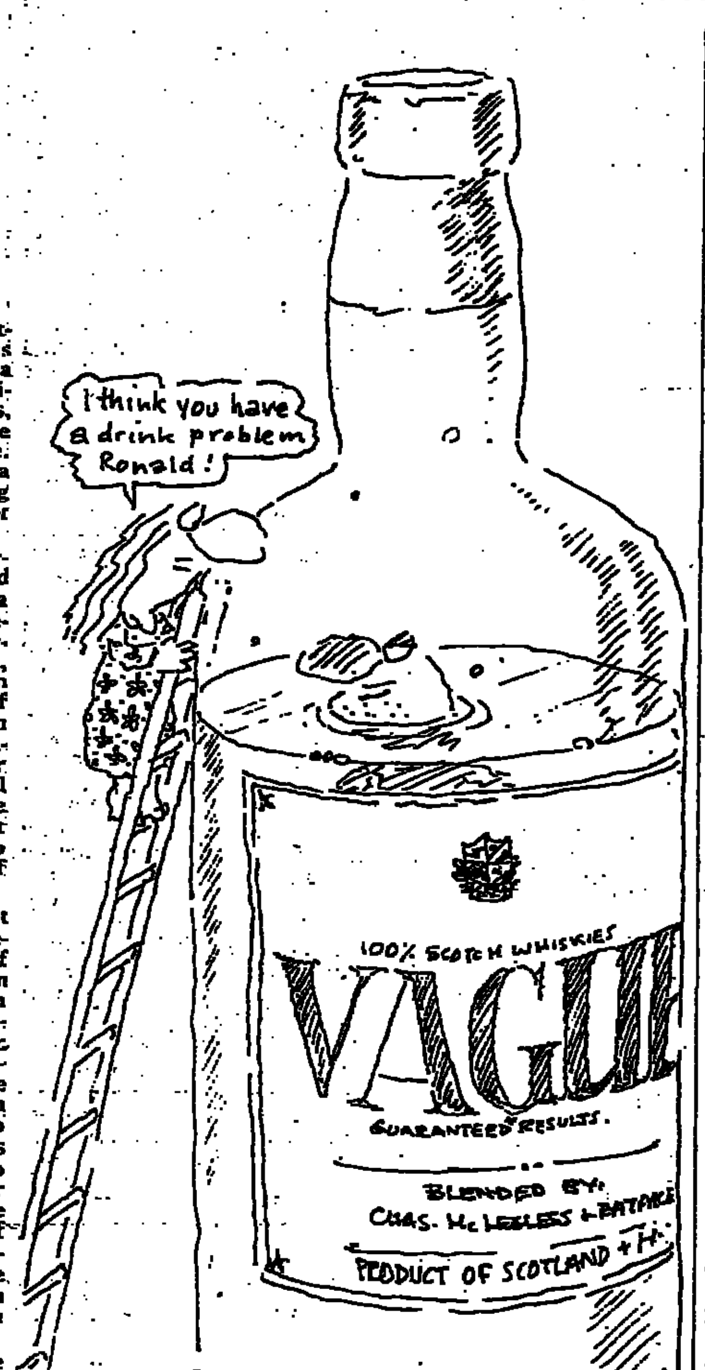
Here an alcoholic (the word alcoholism has in fact largely been abandoned in favour of the less perjorative sounding "alcohol misuse" or "dependency") is not merely helped to give up drink but undergoes a wide and supportive treatment of psychotheraphy, designed to teach him to live without depending on drink. Heavy drinking, say the experts, cannot be viewed on its own: it has to be understood and treated in the context of the many physical, legal, marital and emotional problems of which it is part.

No doctor today questions the need for thorough counselling. Where there is disagreement is over the issue of abstinence. Must an alcoholic give up alcohol for ever? Yes, says the bulk of the medical profession: there is no return to safe drinking. No, say a few fans of Controlled Drinking, pointing to former alcoholics surviving on two whiskeys a day. These reply the abstinence school, are exceptions, and probably not genuine addicts in the first place. Controlled drinking has a place — but only among *people who have not yet* become dependent.

Outside the medical services, running alongside and treated by them with a mixture of awe and disreguard, are Alcoholics Anonymous, the vast, sprawling, godly organization which started a whole method of mutal help tactics, which have turned out with hindsight to be nothing other than respected psychological principles. Members are taught not to feel guilt, to set themselves small goals and to build up their own self esteem.

There is a newer and as yet tentative move towards prevention. ACCEPT, part of whose funding comes from industry, is run by an American management consultant called Charles Vetter. He has devised an early-warning screening service for some of the 200 firms on his books, and sets out to catch about-to-be alcoholics before they have grown so dependent as to lose their jobs. He is not helped by the inherently hidden nature of the problem in that alcoholics are extremely loathe to declare themselves such until the point of no return has been passed.

Whether or not, as some doctors suggest, the epidemic is slowing down, vast efforts are now beginning to be made to check it. In France, *there is a stylish advertising* campaign promoting the beauties of a healthy, drink — free, life, and in New York today the smartest drink is said to be Perrier, ice and lime.



Gray Jolliffe

HOW IT ALL TOTS UP

● In Britain we are drinking:
2 times more beer
3 times more spirits
5 times more wine
than 20 years ago. In 1978 as a nation we spent £7500m on alcohol — more than on fuel and light and nearly as much as on clothers and shoes.
● Of the estimated 800,000 accidents that take place in homes each year, 65 per cent are caused either totally or largely by alcohol.
● Conviction for drinking and driving in England and Wales doubled betwee 1971 and 1976.
● 20,000 people are admitted to psychiatric hospitals annually for alcoholism. This has risen 25 times in 25 years and now accounts for 10 per cent of the total.
● Women are now drinking more than they did and problem drinking among women is approaching the male rate.
● The amount of alcohol consumed is the important factor: drinking only one type of alcohol; not mixing the grape and the grain; and other rules are irrelevant, but the type of drink may alter the effect of the hangover.
● Women will develop symptoms of liver damage earlier and are less likely to show improvement when drinking is discontinued.
● Over-indulgence in alcohol results in damage to the nervous system, the heart, the liver, the gastrointestinal tract and the sexual organs.
● Moderate to heay drinking can have an effect on the unborn child
● After subjecting the brain to heavy alcohol for an unreasonable time, it will show atrophy, producing personality changes, such as irritability, aggression, paranoia, sloth and irresponsible behaviour. In the advanced stage of mental deterioration, patients may lose their memory completely, become demented and make up fantasies to compensate for failure to remember reality.
● Liver failure is difficult to spot in its early stages and can only be detected by laboratory investigations. The first sign may be a rapid falling-off of alcohol tolerance and patients will find they require smaller and smaller amounts of alcohol to become drunk.
● The commonest sign of chronic acoholism is gastritis, giving rise to nausea and vomiting in the morning.
● Alcohol results in poor sexual performance — dryness in women and impotence in men.

Abstinence or control?

Of the two main schools of treatment for alcoholism — which suffers from an appalling confusion over definition — abstinence is the dominant one. Research has shown overwhelmingly that drinkers who are heavily dependent on alcohol to survive in day to day life can never successfully switch to "social" drinking. Any compromise invariably leads to heavy drinking. The only ultimate cure is to stop altogether, having learned to *live happily* without the need to drink.

Within this school there are:

☐ In patient Alcoholic Dependence Units, of which there are 26 in Britain, at least one in each regional health authority. They have a total of some 700 beds and a long list of people awaiting admission. Treatment, which lasts three weeks to three months includes various kinds of group therapy.

☐ Out patient treatment, such as: (i) ACCEPT: a multidisciplinary team dealing with all aspects of compulsive drinking, from the physical and psychological disorders that go with it, to providing a project for finding jobs for ex-alcoholics. Based in a wing in the now-disused Western Hospital in Hammersmith with a full-time staff of all 11 and 70 volunteers (some ex-alcoholic).

Funded 25 per cent by the DMSS, the rest of their money comes from industry and donations. Treatment, which is free, lasts one day a week for two weeks, then once a week for up to two years.

(ii) The Maudsley Hospital in South London, where 300-400 people every year are given pesonal assessment for their particular misuse of alcohol, then a precise and again very personal programme of how to deal with it while attending the hospital as an outpatient.

☐ Hostels or "halfway" homes run by voluntary organizations, sometimes together with local authorities, where people live in supportive communities and have to agree not to drink. At the end of 1978 there were approximately 61 hostels providing 800 beds mostly for the chronic homeless.

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, founded in 1935 in America by a New York stockbroker and an Ohio surgeon, now has over one million members in 104 countries. Only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking *and an undertaking to remain* sober and pass the AA message. Despite assertions to the contrary, has a strong Christian evangelizing image. Members adhere to 12 traditions and follow 12 steps, many of which have a reference to some greater "power".

Controlled Drinking is a fast-growing alternative to abstinence. It is a highly controversial school which argues that alcoholics can be taught to return to "sensible" drinking. Success rates questionable for all but drinkers who are not actually addicted to alcohol.

Drinkwatchers is the only controlled drinking *programme running in* Britain which attempts to catch heavy drinkers before they become dependent alcoholics. First group formed in September 1981. Clients are screened, then given a medical check up at Charing Cross Hospital, which os taking part in the experiment.

If deemed suitable, they are put on a one evening a week, for 12 weeks, programme in which they are taught: to be aware (of the alcohol content of drinks); to keep a drinking diary and to set themselves goals (less than three pints of beer a day or 6 glasses of wine); to master new skills (sip rather than gulp; alternate soft drinks with alcoholic ones; dilute generously; order half rather than full pints); to handle social pressures without relying on drink. Treatment costs £2.50 per session.

THE ARTS

Television

Chance to reflect

"In the depths of a mirror, a tiny figure in blue, and behind him another, just visible in red, looking out at us... One is a self-portrait, but we don't know which..." There is a secret weapon available to documentary-makers of the traditional sort, and it *is* called good writing. Nothing else could have sustained David Thompson's quixotic pursuit of art-historical will o' the wisps in **A Mirror in Time (BBC2)**.

The Arnolfini marriage was *just the start* of the puzzle, which quickly revealed itself to be of the kind that scholars find satisfyingly insoluble. Hints, possibilities, comparisons, coincidences were all we had to piece together "the extraordinary story of the brothers who changed the capabilities of painting".

The story did not seem extraordinary, presumably because Thompson signally failed to piece it together. "There's so little evidence for what Van Eyck's art was like in the 1420s that we have to guess what kind of art he may have looked at..." Was this tall brown house his? When did he marry? Where was he born?

We were shown a *mappemonde* which might possibly have resembled one he perhaps painted for a duke. We were shown a naked bride — seen in a mirror as part of a painting which was itself a detail of *a painting done* centuries later by someone else. Once, goaded beyond endurance by intractable fact, Thompson resorted to critical ju-jitsu: if a painting seemed out of character, that was because we underestimated his range.

Yet out of this cloud of unknowing came a programme of unusual strength and beauty, in which the medieval and Renaissance worlds were plainly seen in juxtaposition. Both brothers had worked on the celebrated altarpiece at St Bavo, in which a great assembly of the faithful gather in the fields of Paradise round an altar where the Lamb of God pours *out his blood*. Van Eyck the younger's contributions were characterized by an "experimental intelligence"; the entire work had been designed by the shadowy elder brother "with a sense of space and distance felt in one easefully rolling sweep under golden light". Very nicely put.

Michael Church

Galleries: **John Russell Taylor** in Spain, **Paddy Kitchen** in London

A painter who never ceases to astonish and delight

El Greco de Toledo

Museo del Prado, Madrid

El Toledo de El Greco

Hospital de Tavera/ Iglesia de San Pedro Martir, Toledo

The extraordinary thing about El Greco is that, the more you see of him, the more extraordinary he becomes. Somehow you never get used to him, and, just when you think you have at least got his measure, he always manages to pull some further surprise on you. Nor do you get sated: even given his propensity for repeating his favourite compositions (or perhaps they were the favourites of his patrons) over and over again, there is always some new twist, some new insight, which keeps you ready for yet another series of *Apostles*, yet another *Holy Family* or *Expulsion of the Money-Changers from the Temple*. I can speak with particular feeling on this point because I have just been undergoing a total blitz of El Greco in Spain: not only the ambitious Spanish-American exhibition **El Greco de Toledo**, credibly said to be the biggest and best ever, which is on at its first venue, the Prado, until June 6 (after which Washington, Toledo Ohio—obviously!—and Dallas), but also the large counterpart exhibition in Toledo until June, **El Toledo de El Greco**, and the obligatory visits while in Toledo to El Greco's house and the Cathedral, and to *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz*, now admirably conserved and *shown in an air-conditioned* annexe to the Church of San Tomé.

If that did not bring on a severe attack of aesthetic indigestion, I do not know what would. And yet the astonishment *is* continuous and abiding. We all know, for example, that El Greco is supposed to be so unbelievably modern. But even when you know that, the actuality of a painting like the large *Prospect and Map of Toledo*, with its boldly sketched bird's-eye-view of the city, the brusquely dramatic, foreshortened figures in the foreground and the angels tumbling arbitrarily about the sky, is breathtaking. If it had been painted yesterday we would all be delighted, but nobody would be surprised. The same, exactly, goes for Washington's wondrous *Laocoön*, a mysterious, dramatic and quite natural-seeming composition (for all its proto-baroque intricacy) set, yet again, against a stormy view of Toledo. And as for the bold abstraction of the cloaked figures in the haunting *Visitation* — well, how could it possibly have been painted in the first decade of the seventeenth century?

The great advantage of the Prado show is that it allows one, as never before, to chart for oneself the route by which El Greco arrived at this extraordinary conclusion. The great advantage of the Toledo show is that it gives one a clearer insight than ever before into the artistic world into which El Greco stepped when he settled in Toledo, just four *centuries ago, how he* found it and how he left it.

Like many great artists (though not necessarily all), El Greco got more interesting as he got older. The very earliest paintings in the Prado show are in fact quite unremarkable — even the first *Purification of the Temple* (before 1570), which has already most of the compositional elements so familiar from later versions, such as that in our own National Gallery: Everything is still a bit awkward and tentative, the composition disturbingly (because, it seems, unintentionally) lopsided, and the general impression is of something vaguely in Veronese country, such as hundreds of *minor* masters of the day might have produced. Even when we get up to a painting as skilful as the *Mary Magdalen in Penitence* of 1580-85, which is already recognizable as an El Greco in its vertical elongation and its boldly expressionistic background, there is still something conventionally saccharine about the face and the attitude.

But by this time he had settled in Toledo. *To judge* by the numerous works of Juan Correa de Vivar, the most important figure of the *previous* generation of Toledo painters, showing in the Toledo exhibition, it *cannot have been much of a challenge*: Correa is a perfectly respectable painter, but though he died in 1566 he could be a full century earlier than even early El Greco in style. Obviously El Greco must have been of an obsessively independent disposition, and the benefit of being in, by European standards, something of a backwater must have been that he could do what he liked, develop in his own way without regard to what might or might not be going on elsewhere, and impose himself on a public which had relatively little to measure him by.

Which he did with a vengeance. You would be hard put to it to find *anything as bold and simple* and uncompromising in conception as the monumental *Pieta* which dates from his first decade in Toledo. And by the time we get to the *Agony in the Garden* of the early 1590s (a composition also familiar from a version in our National Gallery, though shown here in a stunning realization from Toledo, Ohio) the transformation is complete.

From this moment on in El Greco's career it is difficult *not to slip into a catalogue of* wonders. Some of them quite unfamiliar, like the weird *Allegory of the Camaldolite Order*, with two conventional figures at the bottom and a large aerial view of the circular garden with the order's separate hermitages scattered about it up above. Others familiar, but none the worse for that, like the group of developing versions of the *Holy Family* which show something of how El Greco's mind worked, as well as how he adapted his imagery as the occasion dictated. Betwixt and between are such pieces from Spanish collections as the *St Joseph and the Christ Child* (which presents an unaccustomed and touching father/son image) and surely the most sensuously beautiful of all *Saint Sebastians*.

You still have to go to Toledo to see *The Burial of the Count of Orgaz* (too large or too fragile, presumably, to travel), which for all its familiarity in reproduction remains overwhelming in the original — unquestionably one of the world's great paintings. Also in the Toledo show you can see one of the most wonderful *Baptisms*, and some sculptures by El Greco, including a complex figure-composition very like something from one of his paintings, only in three dimensions, and a very *peculiar pair of naked* (rather than nude) figures supposed to be of *Epimeteus and Pandora*, which even at this distance of time take one aback with their immediacy, intimacy and vulnerablility.

And I have not even *mentioned* the portraits. Like everything else, they get stronger and more vivid as El Greco gets older. The later ones, like that of *Fray Hortensio Felix Paravicino*, not only speak with unparallelled directness across the centuries but manage impeccably the always precarious balance between achieving a degree of formal monumentality and preserving a true feeling of the man within the formal trappings. When El Greco's grandees are worldly, we know it; when they are holy, we believe it. Though eight of the 66 paintings in the catalogue will be seen only somewhere on the American tour, the Prado is still probably the best place to see the show, especially bearing in mind all the uncatalogued delights. But it seems to me the most convincing tribute that, even after all the El Grecos I have seen in the last few days, I still feel ready and eager to dash off to Washington, Toledo or Dallas to see more.

The inescapable awareness of bodily self

Frida Kahlo and Tina Modotti

Whitechapel

"The art of Frida Kahlo is a ribbon around a bomb", summed up André Breton after visiting her in Mexico in 1938. The bomb contained passion, pride and intolerable pain, and the bright ribbon was painted with an unnerving intensity. While her husband, Diego Rivera, developed his celebrated murals depicting the entire history of Mexico, Frida Kahlo exposed her interior life and made surreal X-rays of her heart.

Her self-absorption was, to a great extent dictated by her physical condition. At the age of 17 she had a severe road accident, which left her unable to walk for three years, and accounted for around thirty operations before her death in her mid-forties. Confined so often to bed (where, indeed, she first started to paint), she could seldom escape awareness of her body. At its most tormenting, this produced work like *The Broken Column*, in which she saw herself half-naked, a ruptured stone column in the fissure where her spine should be, and her torso bound by surgical straps while her flesh, including the face and breasts, was lightly pierced with scattered nails. But any notion that this image might seem a bathetic echo of a Renaissance St Sebastian or crucifixion is removed by the authority and toughness of Kahlo's stance and expression. The exhibition is dominated by her strong, mysterious face. Both in the complex, surreal compositions, and the more straightforward self-portraits, her thick eyebrows, which met in the middle like a child's drawing of a raven in flight, seem to dramatize the challenge in her eyes.

Intensely aware of her own appearance, she concealed her deformity and emphasized her Mexican-ness by wearing Tehuana costume and heavy jewelry, and in some of the paintings these decorations are as much the subject of the picture as the woman herself. The tender side of her nature perhaps showed most in her treatment of animals and plants. In one self-portrait a spider monkey's arm encircles her neck, and in *The Chick* a newly-hatched bird is dwarfed by a vase of blue flowers over which spiders have spread their webs, among which caterpillars and a cicada lurk. It was, however, her relationship with Rivera that engendered the most memorable paintings. Her portrait of them together two years after their marriage — she demure, he uneasily posed — has an ingenuous air, which makes the impact of *A Few Small Snips* and *Self-Portrait with Cropped Hair*, painted later, all the more shocking. The first represents her feelings after Rivera was unfaithful to her, and shows a man making random incisions into a woman's body with a pair of scissors. The second was painted after he left her for a time, and shows her sitting defiantly in a chair, wearing a man's suit, her long black hair in shreds across the floor.

These are not stunning paintings in a painterly sense, but they are stunning both as images and as a method of relating intense passages of autobiography. Although Kahlo received no formal training, she soon developed a technique that entirely suited her subject matter and which has much more impact than the style of the naive painters she superficially resembles.

Sharing the upstairs gallery at the Whitechapel (until May 2) with Kahlo is an exhibition of photographs by **Tina Modotti**, an Italian whose nomadic life included long spells in Mexico. The formal, classical style of photography which she learnt from the American photographer Edward Weston was extended but never rejected, during her involvement with Mexican politics. Rivera and Orozco commissioned her to record their murals, and she remained in Mexico for several years, photographing both human subjects such as *Misery* (two derelict women) and *Hands of a Puppeteer* and geometrical compositions of emblematic subjects, as in *Bandolier, Guitar and Corn-cob*. They are very fine photographs indeed.

Kahlo's defiance in "Self-Portrait with Cropped Hair"

Don't snipe at the Foreign Office, go for the politicians instead



Lord Home of the Hirsel, former Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, replies to Ronald Butt's criticism of the official handling of the events leading up to the invasion of the Falkland Islands

In his article in *The Times* on April 8, Ronald Butt laid two charges against the Foreign Office. The first was that in foreign policy over the years officials had deliberately discarded morality in favour of expediency; the second, that they had conditioned successive foreign secretaries to neglect the relationship between diplomacy and defence.

On the first of these accusations, where is his evidence? If I remember correctly, it was the Foreign Office officials Vansittart and Wigram who were identified as arguing most forcibly against conciliation of the dictators Hitler and Mussolini.

At the time of the Suez operation, it was widely known that many officials argued that to proceed with the kind of military plan which was proposed would leave a moral stigma on Britain.

Foreign Office officials have often been labelled pro-Arab and anti-Israel, but I have never known one who did not insist upon the inviolability of the State of Israel. So it is with South Africa. If arguments of expediency had prevailed, the Royal Navy would still be in Simonstown, and 3,000 miles nearer the Falkland Islands, but those considerations were rejected in favour of sustaining a principle.

Within my recollection the task was given to the Foreign Office officials to prepare with their opposite numbers from overseas the draft to be embodied in the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference. Against much opposition, they insisted that it should contain (1) acceptance by the signatories of human rights and (2) inclusion of that rule in the Charter of the United Nations which insists on non-interference by one country in the internal affairs of another.

In international affairs, where there are so many motes and beams, it is not always easy to detect a moral content, but historically it is impossible to sustain the charge that Foreign Office officials never admit that there is a point beyond which diplomacy cannot go and other means have to be employed.

That is certainly true of the Falkland Islands dispute. No one will doubt that the Foreign Office was right to try for a negotiated settlement. Equally all must concede that the moral test which any particular proposal had to pass was that it *must be acceptable to the* Falkland islanders. That condition was strictly preserved by all Foreign Office officials and ministers. At that point, to borrow Mr Butt's phrase, "the Foreign Office dug in its toes".

As to the solutions which were canvassed, namely condominium or a lease-back of sovereignty, they cannot in themselves have been reprehensible as they are virtually the same as those being considered now after force has been used to back diplomacy.

No two situations with which the Foreign Office is called to deal are alike, and few, if any, of the solutions to the deadlock are plain. There are bound to be what Dr Runcie lately called "ethical ambiguities" in free societies.

If, for example, the purely moral test was to be applied, there would be a strong case for ejecting the Soviet Union from the United Nations for breaching the Charter. It could come to that, but so far there has been a majority among the democracies in favour of trying all reasonable means to wean her away from her practice of subversion and the use of force in support of political aims to a more constructive relationship. Democracies deal in conciliation and only as a last resort with arms.

The failure in the case of the Falklands was not that diplomacy was tried and tried again but that an error was made (in which others were concerned as well as the Foreign Office) as to the degree of visible force which could have deterred the dictator bent on an operation of snatch and grab. That was not a moral, but a military calculation. It was for that misjudgment in this particular case that Lord Carrington and others paid the penalty.

One lesson has been reinforced, that dictators never play by the rules which democracies observe. Doubtless Mr Butt will not begrudge the Foreign Office the very substantial diplomatic achievements which have occurred in recent days. To have mobilized the Security Council, the European Community, influential members of the Commonwealth and the United States on Britain's side shows that there is still influence and authority in British diplomacy.

One further thought strikes me. In a free society, no one and nothing should be cocooned against criticism, but scrupulous care should be taken to select, where possible, the politicians rather than the officials. The former can answer back, the latter cannot; and if their case goes by default, the morale of their service can sink.

I recall in this context a conversation with Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, on the merits of sporting guns. After a time, Mrs Gromyko chipped in and said: "If you buy a gun for my son, buy a better gun than you do for my husband, for my son allows the ducks to rise off the water".

Officials are sitting ducks. With any future shot Mr Butt may fire, I hope his target will be the politician and his model the younger of the Gromykos.

In Sir Ian McGeoch's article on the Falklands crisis last Tuesday the quotation attributed to General Sherman should have been attributed to Nathan Bedford Forrest.



Peach: died April '79



Kelly: died June '79

Prosser: died August '80

The legal lesson of these three men's deaths

by Michael Meacher

Despite the acquittal last month of the three prison officers charged with the murder of Barry Prosser at Winson Green prison in Birmingham, widespread disquiet still exists about the whole episode. A local MP has called for a public inquiry. Four civil liberties organizations have just asked the Home Secretary to reopen the matter, particularly to examine again the adequacy of the procedures for dealing with deaths in custody.

In the period 1970-80 there were 336 deaths in police custody in England and Wales. In addition, during the similar period 1969-79, there were 631 deaths in prison of which 226, as determined by an inquest, were due to unnatural causes or suicide. Of both these totals, only a small number of cases have aroused concern as to whether death might have been due to violence or neglect. But in these cases the procedure has on several counts been very disquieting.

The basic problem is that coroners' inquests at present follow almost none of the rules designed to ensure justice in all other courts. The coroner himself, not the interested parties, decides what evidence to call, and he *alone* can address the jury, and often virtually directs it on the verdict. The police lawyers have all the witnesses' statements, while the lawyers of the other interested parties have nothing comparable with which to test the police evidence. And however eccentric the coroner's view of the law or of the evidence, there is no right of appeal.

Perhaps the most serious deficiencies, however, are the denial of legal aid and the denial of access to the police investigator's report for both the jury and representatives of the family concerned. Without legal aid, interested parties are not usually in a position to be represented at inquests, even where the police or other official bodies have such representation.

The difficulties are illustrated by the inquest into the death of Blair Peach, killed during the Southall National Front demonstration in 1979. Legal costs for his friends and family totalled nearly £20,000, while legal representation for the Metropolitan Police came out of taxpayers' money.

Even such legal representation, however, is of little value without access to the police investigator's *report* and all the relevant pathological evidence. At the Liddle Towers' inquest at Newcastle the family's barrister was denied prior access to the pathologist's and other essential statements and was not allowed to call his own witnesses. At the Jimmy Kelly inquest in Liverpool in 1980, the jury was not permitted to see all the police evidence, nor even all of the first pathologist's report.

In November, 1980, the Home Secretary made a statement to the House on various changes in these procedures. Inquests with juries were to be held on all deaths in custody — this had not always been the case previously. Coroner's juries were to be selected in the same way as for other courts. And the coroner's officer was to be a civilian and not a policeman, as was previously often the case.

But Mr Whitelaw turned down the two key reforms. Legal aid was rejected, on the ground that it would cost £3m a year (though it is hard to see how this figure was arrived at unless it was assumed either that there would be at least 100 cases a year similar to Blair Peach or Jimmy Kelly, or that *all* inquests would have interested parties seeking legal aid). Also, access to the investigator's report was rejected, on the ground of confidentiality.

Nevertheless, even if these reforms were to be made, there are still serious drawbacks inherent in the inquest system as a means of examining such sensitive episodes as deaths in custody where there may be suspicious circumstances. Coroners do not necessarily have the background to handle this kind of highly charged case.

For example, at the inquest after the Deptford fire which killed 13 young black people in January 1981, the coroner took no written notes during the whole of the proceedings.

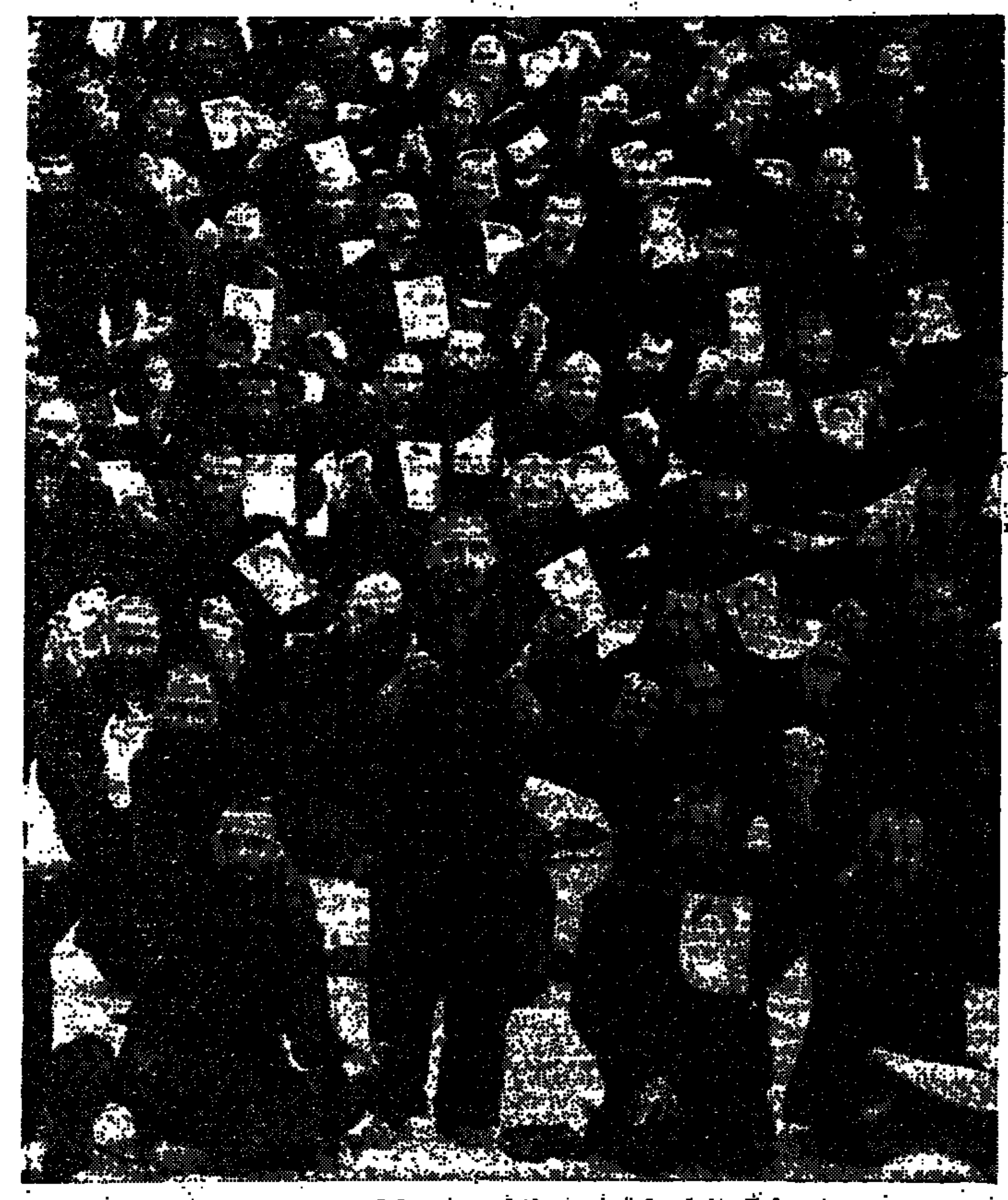
Perhaps the most valuable reform would be to establish a two-tier process. First, a filter mechanism would separate off those relatively few cases where there was *prima facie* evidence of violence or neglect in custody. The remainder, the great majority of cases, could still appropriately be handled by coroners, though the several improvements in procedure mentioned here do need to be made. But the former cases should be dealt with by a High Court judge.

This should ensure a thorough and proper hearing of the matter, with both sides able to call witnesses and to present their evidence in their own way, and with both sides and the jury having full access to all the relevant evidence.

For it is this issue of liability which lies at the heart of the uneasy relationship between coroners' courts and other courts. What is needed is a halfway house between the normal uncontroversial inquest without suspicious circumstances and a full-scale criminal trial where the defendant has been charged with a specific and serious offence.

If the *causes célèbres* of the last few years have shown anything, it is this gap in the English legal system which urgently needs filling.

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Iraqis in Parandak camp: obeisance to the Ayatollah

In the camp where they learn to love Khomeini

by Robert Fisk

Parandak POW Camp, Northern Iran

The Iraqi prisoners sat cross-legged on the windy parade ground, many of them with new, well-trimmed beards, all of them wearing around their necks a coloured portrait of Ayatollah Khomeini. They were intent men with eyes which moved in a way that only captivity can control, glancing at each other nervously and then staring with near gratitude at their prison guards. They sat in lines a quarter mile deep—all 14,000 of them—awed by the enormity of their surrender; when Iran's Army Chief of Staff, grey-haired and bespectacled, almost avuncular, told them of Iraq's supposedly moral iniquities, the Iraqis roared back: "Down with Saddam Hussein."

It was not brainwashing in the normally accepted use of the term. It was scarcely indoctrination. But there could be no doubt what the Iranians are trying to do at Parandak; to make Saddam Hussein's own soldiers more dangerous to his Baathist regime than the Iranian army which is fighting its way towards the Iraqi frontier. When Khomeini's name was mentioned, it echoed over the massive parade ground, repeated by the thousands of Iraqi soldiers who then knelt in prayer and homage to the Islamic faith which overthrew the Shah.

True, there were some dissidents among the Iraqi troops, men who still retained their political as well as their national identity. At the far back of one line of older prisoners—captives now for more than a year—an Iraqi soldier turned and shouted: "Saddam is a very good man", and a few of his colleagues nodded in agreement. "The soldier did not say 'Saddam'; he was greeting you with the word 'Salaam'", remarked an Iranian official with the confidence that comes only from mendacity.

A few hundred prisoners refused to pray—they had probably not washed before prayer, added the official; "they have not been purified."

But they will be, or so Ayatollah Khomeini firmly believes. From his residence in North Tehran, the man who still personifies Iran's revolution has given specific instructions that Iraqi prisoners of war are to be well treated and given all the rights of captive soldiers. They are paid between eight and 60 Swiss francs per day in wages, and—according to the Iranians—have been individually contacted by the Red Cross and allowed to send letters to their families in Iraq. Their guards—in red striped trousers, red military police hats and white neckerchiefs—are among the smartest soldiers in Iran; model troops for a model prisoner of war camp. The Iraqis are meant to be impressed.

Apparently there have been no attempts to escape across the double wall of barbed wire that surrounds the camp. "The prisoners are glad to be alive," said an Iranian from the Ministry of National Guidance. He neglected to mention that the captives were being held far from the battlefront, beneath the breezy mountains of the Alborz range, 350 miles from the Iraqi frontier.

They were lectured for more than an hour in Arabic by Iranian mullahs who welcomed them as brothers and by Iranian army officers who said that the United States, France, Britain and other Western nations had prompted Iraq's attack on Iran. There were no contradictions from the audience. When they knelt to pray, the prisoners took the Ayatollah's portrait from around their necks, lay it on the ground and placed their foreheads upon it.

In their prison barracks, these men — including the Iraqi paratroopers who arrived from the war front still wearing their blue berets — are to be given weekly lessons by mullahs on the meaning of Islam. They already receive the daily Teheran newspaper *Kayhan* specially printed in Arabic. When these prisoners return to Baghdad, some of them — perhaps a goodly proportion — will carry these lessons with them, an incubus for the overthrow of Saddam Hussein.

The Iranians would not permit the Iraqis to speak to journalists although they produced more than low foreign captives — "guests" they called them — from Jordan, Lebanon, Tunisia, Nigeria and Somalia, who had been taken among the Iraqi prisoners.

A bearded librarian from the Lebanese town of Zahle claimed he had been forced to enlist while working in Baghdad. A Somali, Fauzi Hijazi, frightened but smiling, pleaded with me to tell his embassy of his presence. He had been a scholarship student at Baghdad University, he said, when he had been press-ganged into the Iraqi army. He had not been visited by the Red Cross. But he got no further, for an Iranian soldier ordered him to stop speaking.

Many of the 14,000 prisoners were driven from the PoW camp to other barracks through the town of *Shahrayr*, a chilling journey through small, windswept villages where peasants and veiled women shreiked their hostility towards Iraq and its president. It is a memory that President Hassan Saddam's soldiers are unlikely to forget.

When no news is electrifying

Have you ever wished you were better informed? When Nigel Lawson sacked Glyn England as chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board earlier this month one of the reasons given was that the CEGB had not given enough information to officials at the Department of Energy. England dismissed the charge as "nonsense", and used the occasion to reveal that he was a founder member of the SDP and to launch a bitter attack on the Government's dealings with his industry.

Today the Electricity Consumers' Council publishes its response to the consultative document, *Consumers' Interests and the Nationalized Industries*. The memorandum has an appendix about the council's difficulties in obtaining information, particularly from the CEGB.

"Information has often not been forthcoming", it says, "on important matters such as the Bulk Supply Tariff, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation into the CEGB, ECC research projects on the Planning Margin and power station construction delays."

It is not the first time the CEGB's close attitude to information has been remarked. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission's report in May 1981 noted that the CEGB's 1980-81 development review, "hitherto regarded as an internal document", had been made available too late to be taken into account. The Commons Select Committee reporting on the nuclear power programme in February 1981 said it would have been "less misleading and much more helpful" if the CEGB had made it clear when first giving evidence that the figures it had supplied were out of date.

England may, of course, have an explanation. It could be that at the CEGB, where information is so jealously guarded, no one told him what was going on.

Pirate publishers

Macmillan has started another Korean war. If this seems a little anachronistic, let PHS explain. Macmillan, the publishing house, has mounted a blockade against any further purchases of paper and print from Korea until that country's government takes action to stop Korean publishers pirating *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*.

Nicholas Byam Shaw, the Macmillan managing director, first complained that Lee Jun, of the Kukje Publishing Company in Korea, was pirating *The New Grove* a year ago. Lee's plates and stocks were frozen but, says Byam Shaw, "when the hue and cry died down they were released". Over 500 copies of the pirated edition have been sold, with the result that Macmillan has made no money from *The New Grove* in Korea.

There is no legislation in Korea against such infringement of copyright. The Book Development Council, which estimates that last year British publishers bought more than £500,000 in print and paper from Korea and that sales of British books there were worth about the same, says there is increasing evidence that United Kingdom publishers generally will divert their business elsewhere unless there is an end to pirating in Korea. Macmillan's opening shot is to cancel two orders worth $75,000.

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John Lill, who is to play all 32 Beethoven piano sonatas in a series of eight concerts at the Queen Elizabeth Hall starting on Thursday, says that planning the programmes has been rather like arranging a menu.

"To play them in straight chronological order is stylistically too cramped. Each recital must give a fair representation of earlier, middle and late works, played in order of composition. I would never play an earlier work after a later, and no programme must last much more than 2¼ hours for fear of overtaxing the audience."

Lill has also managed to arrange that there will be at least one named sonata in each recital. "Some people are attracted to such things regardless of the music", he says, "though some of the greatest do not have names, including the last. That is the greatest of all, and must, of course, be played last."

Next year Lill, who had memorized all Beethoven's piano music by the age of 14, will be adding the five piano concertos too, for performances in San Diego.

Jam tomorrow

The Studio Club, founded by Augustus John, Jacob Epstein and others in 1917 and a famous venue for jam sessions of jazz music in the 1950s and '60s, is to reopen after a 15-year closure.

Alan Clare, who will be returning as resident pianist, tells me the artists' club had become pretty decrepit when he first went to play there. "There were notices up saying members must pay their subscriptions if the club was to continue, the floorboards were unsafe and the piano was crummy".

None the less he attracted first Stephane Grappelli, then Kenny Baker, and then Americans such as Billie Holliday, Billy Eckstine, Sarah Vaughan and the Count Basie band to play and sing there "for love". Len Deighton, the novelist now living in tax exile in Ireland, was a waiter.

This time the club's site, a basement below Bentley's restaurant in Swallow Street, off Piccadilly, will be completely refurbished before the opening in May.

Erudite protest from Dorset: the neat counter at the Sherborne Liptons over Easter bore a sign saying "You can stick your corned beef where Don Juan stuck his paella". What juicy bit of Tirso de Molino, Molière or Byron do the locals know that I have missed?

Shabby treatment

A billboard in English stuck across Pablo Picasso's birthplace in Malaga announces: "The wax museum at Torremolinos — third dimension in wax." After last year's brouhaha in Spain celebrating the centenary of the painter's birth, it is sad no one has thought of putting a plaque on 6, Plaza de la Marced, a pleasant early 19th century square just behind Malaga's cathedral.

The house, where Picasso lived the first nine years of his life, is tumbledown. Plaster is falling, the windows gape open with shutters gone. The last occupants left their junk behind.

By contrast two streets away a plaque commemorates the birth of a totally forgotten poet, "an illustratious unknown", as the Spanish would call him. It makes Picasso's treatment look shabbier.

Not such a snip

There is something funny about typewriters, and this is not a case of a bad workman blaming his tools. It is their prices, which seem to be perpetually almost halved.

In several areas of trade, such as bedding, furniture, carpets and domestic appliances, it is forbidden to make comparisons with manufacturers' recommended prices, because they had become notoriously meaningless. Yet it is still permitted with typewriters, where such comparisons are just as misleading.

An instance from the latest report of the Advertising Standards Authority: people objected to an advertisement offering a typewriter at £199.95. It stated "recommended retail price £383-... save £185." They said the manufacturers themselves advertised the typewriter as being sold at "around £200," reducing the "saving" to about 5p.

The complaint was not upheld. Indeed the manufacturers' recommended retail price, already so wildly disconnected from the selling price, has since been increased again, and now stands at £394.44. "It is outside our remit," says the ASA pathetically.

Own goal

The handbook prepared by the organizing committee of the Royal Spanish Football Federation to tell who can go where, when, and with which pass during the World Cup, says: "The tasks and interrelations inside the organizative operativeness that may be aroused by the accredition subject as a means and with the aim of access and identification, becomes an imperative subject for the divers and official parties involved".

The French and German translations are even worse.

Sans Gill

The West End gallery, Blond Fine Art, does less than justice to the late Eric Gill, typographer, artist and eccentric, with the catalogue to its exhibition this month of his prints and drawings.

Though Gill is best remembered for his cleancut typeface Gill sans, the catalogue is unimaginatively set in Helvetica, and that without any regard for Gill's preferences for unjustified lines and short measures.

The gallery is unrepentant, saying: "A catalogue is not a work of art." A design conforming to Gill's firm views was considered, but rejected because the gallery's printer "could not cope".

A note of trust

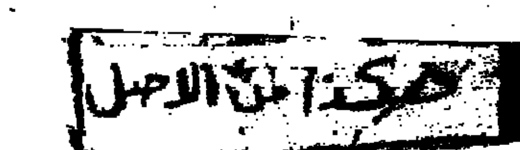
The British conductor Alan Hazeldine flies to Sofia on Thursday to conduct Vaughan Williams's Bulgarian premiere. The chosen work is the composer's sixth symphony which, according to Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, has not been performed in any communist country before.

Hazeldine, who studied in Bulgaria and speaks the language well enough to convey the flavours of English pastorality to the Sofia strings, says the Bulgarians are keen to diversify their music, but cannot afford to buy orchestral parts in the West.

In this instance the Vaughan Williams Trust has donated the copies of the score which Hazeldine takes with him.

After my comments yesterday about Easter's new role as the second coming of Christmas, it is with little surprise that I learn that an eight-foot Christmas tree with fairy lights was erected outside the John Peel Inn at Caldbeck over Easter. The manager explained there had been too much snow at Christmas, so he put the tree up at Easter instead.

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TREMBLING THRONES OF ARABY

The war between Iran and Iraq has from the start been more ideological than territorial — a war between secular Arab nationalism and revolutionary Shia Islam. Each side in the other's eyes represents an absolute evil — "Persian racism in a religious mask" pitted against a "megalomaniac unbeliever and agent of American imperialism". President Saddam Husain of Iraq hoped to avert the threat of Shiite revolution in his own country by bringing down the crisis-ridden, disorganized Iranian regime with one devastating blow. Ayatollah Khomeini responded by urging all Muslims "to struggle against the Baghdad regime and to help the Iraqi people free themselves from Baathist oppression".

The latter denouement now seems nearer than the former. The Ayatollah's government has withstood the Iraqi onslaught and is on the counter-offensive. Mr Husain is looking with obvious desperation for a face-saving peace, and not finding it. The Iranian leaders are saying, for the moment, that they will respect Iraq's frontiers, but they still refuse to negotiate with the aggressor. It looks as though they are waiting to see if Mr Husain will be finished off by his own people, hoping that the army which he sent into a costly and futile war will now turn and get rid of him.

President Assad of Syria is hoping that, too. He has felt the blade very near his neck in the last three years, and although on the face of it his domestic enemies — the Muslim Brotherhood — have more in common ideologically with Iran, he knows that it is from his fellow-Baathists in Baghdad that they get moral and material support. The enmity between rival factions of the Baath party surpasses that between Arab and Persian, or even between secularism and militant Islam. Thus Mr Assad and the Ayatollah have joined forces against their common enemy in Baghdad. Syria has not sent troops — she could ill spare them — but she has tightened the noose around Mr Husain's neck by closing the Syrian-Iraqi border, and now also the pipeline through which Iraqi oil reaches the Mediterranean.

If Mr Husain falls, what next? That is the question being anxiously asked in other Arab capitals west and south of Baghdad. Could the humiliated Iraqi army stabilize the situation and end the war, or would it simply open the way to an Islamic republic, Iranian style, dominated by the Shiite *mujtahids* of Najaf and Karbala? And would the contagion stop there, or would it spread to Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, and the eastern province of Saudi Arabia — all areas where Shi'ism, like oil, is a subterranean force now bubbling to the surface?

King Husain of Jordan is worried, too. He must be wondering now if he made the right decision when he switched sides in the Syrian-Iraqi quarrel in the late 1970s. At the time Iraq seemed to have a good deal more to offer, but now his namesake's friendship is becoming something of a liability. Yet it is too late to go back. The "Shah of Jordan" (as the Iranians call him), whose name is stamped on the crates of ammunition captured with the Iraqi forces in Dezful, has no hope of making friends with the revolutionary rulers of Iran. Nor could he hope to gain anything from further upheavals in the Gulf. He and his fellow monarchs have to close ranks against the revolutionary tide, and hope that Iraq can be saved.

Where can they look for help, if not to the largest Arab state, which already provides them with so much of their brain power, and which is still the leading military power in the Arab world: the state which, three years ago, they hounded out of the Arab League for its temerity in making peace with Israel? Egypt is not only about to recover the last segment of its occupied territory but is also in the process of making its re-entry — not triumphant but on its own terms — into an Arab world that cannot, after all, do without it, just as President Sadat always predicted. While Iraqi missions visit Cairo to discuss arms supplies and other forms of support, an Egyptian delegation plays a key role at a non-aligned conference on the Palestinian in Kuwait; and Egypt, not so long ago all but expelled from the non-aligned movement by a concerted Arab drive, has now been specially asked by Iraq to help prepare the non-aligned summit to be held in Baghdad in September.

Should the West join in this general rallying of pro-Western Arab states behind Iraq? The answer must surely be no. Mr Saddam Husain is a sanguinary dictator, not worth saving in himself, and any attempt to save him may aggravate our problems with a successor regime. Besides, the Middle East has already suffered too much from Western meddling, which has seldom produced the results that Western leaders hoped for. It is time we stopped trying to play Arab politics and concentrated instead on helping moderate Arabs to reach a solution of the one Middle Eastern problem the West cannot escape responsibility for — the problem of Palestine.

As for Iran, we should all devoutly wish its deliverance from its present barbaric regime. But it is far from certain that that will be achieved quickest by helping Iraq to carry on fighting. At present, Iran's potential Bonapartes are presumably busy at the front. It is when they return in triumph that the mullahs should watch out.

THE STATE'S DUTY TO EDUCATE

One man's social cause is another man's bread and butter. While most of us were making what we could of a draughty bank holiday yesterday, the National Union of Teachers were hard at work in Scarborough at their annual conference, facing the prospect of another year of falling educational spending and employment, and asking themselves, in the words of Mr Fred Jarvis, their general secretary, "How can I defend my job and the service in which I work?" (in that order). It is a natural preoccupation, and some of the more lurid flights of pedagogic indignation at the conference can fairly be discounted. But Mr Jarvis and other delegates were able to make effective play with the report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, which was published, conveniently for them, just a week earlier.

The inspectors, at whose approach headmasters tremble like fourth-formers, have a reputation for a sober and merciless integrity. Their reports on the state of our schools steadfastly avoid anything resembling the sensational or the politically opportunistic. A report affirming, as last week's did, that "the majority of schools are still well found and the majority of pupils still adequately served" makes the blood run cold with speculations about the condition of the minority in each case.

As desiccated as an old-fashioned end-of-term report, the document sets out the implications. Most schools and authorities are struggling hard to make the best of things. But disparities of provision between one local education authority (LEA) and another are growing, problems caused by the declining number of pupils are intensifying, and shortages of books and materials and deficiencies in the upkeep of buildings are becoming more acute. The pupils who suffer most are the least able and those in areas of the country already afflicted by the sharpest disadvantages.

Naturally the inspectors leave it to others to express concern about social problems being laid up for the future, about the unemployable, unskilled, and about justice. But in the definition they supply for their term "satisfactory" (a standard which few LEAs succeed in attaining in all respects, and some fail to attain at any point) they clearly make allusion to the statutory duties of LEAs under the 1944 Education Act, and that of the Secretary of State, to ensure, in the courts if necessary, that those duties are fulfilled.

Of course, education cannot be excluded from the necessary general requirement to cut public expenditure. It is clear from the report that some authorities still fail to do enough to ensure that money is not wastefully spent. Falling rolls have made it possible to cut education hard, and will make further cuts inevitable, but the limits to that process in terms of inflexibility and inequality of provision are already in sight. If disparities are becoming unacceptably wide, the Government has a duty to give a clearer indication of what it regards as acceptable provision than the bare terms of the statute provide. Councils wishing to safeguard their cherished discretion in educational matters should take care that this discretion is not being irresponsibly employed. As for the teachers, who for the most part have been protected successfully from redundancies, they should bear in mind that money spent on salaries cannot be spent on other aspects of educational provision. These are matters which deserve close investigation when the Commons Select committee on education starts it hearings next week.

Politics and police

From Councillor Neville C. Goldrein

Sir, I was interested, and concerned, to read Lady Simey's letter on the matter of police (April 1). There is no anomaly in police authorities having two thirds of their members political and one third magistrates. The police involvement is with law and order and so it is reasonable, and was so considered by the legislature, that a proportion of the input should be from quasi-judicial members, being magistrates.

It is a fact that in Merseyside the dominant Labour Party in the original Metropolitan County Council, up to 1977, originated the practice of treating the magistrates as part of the opposition when allocating the seats on the Police Committee. They did not, according to Lady Simey's assertion, follow an existing practice as the metropolitan counties were new and this was an opportunity to start with a clean sheet.

The magistrate members are just as important as the political members and it is in no way essential that the controlling political party should have overall control of the police authority. Had this been the intention, then magistrate members could have been specifically stated in the Act to be non-voting.

When my party held control, from 1977 until 1981, we adopted the practice of the 20 political seats being apportioned between the three political parties in accordance with their numbers on the council. The result of this was, in fact, that had the minority Labour and Liberal parties wished to vote with the magistrates against the controlling Conservatives we could have been outvoted — and indeed on one occasion we were. This was a chance we were prepared to take in the interests of preserving a democratic approach and to fulfil the intentions of Parliament.

When the Labour Party resumed control in May, 1981, it immediately reverted to the original scheme so that whilst the Conservatives have over 25 per cent of the members of the county council they only have three members on the Police Committee.

The magistrates were introduced, I am sure, to be a proper safeguard against the exercise of improper political interference. I do not suggest for one moment that politics should be banned from policing, but I firmly believe that the police should not be pawns in the political game. The duty of the police authority is to preserve law and order and not to combine that with political advantage, or the support of political philosophies which are shared in many instances by only a minority of the population the police force serves.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
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April 1.

Surgeon's hungry allies

From Mr Leslie J. Latham

Sir, Readers perhaps have now earned respite from the less jolly aspects of the busy leech, *Hirudo medicinalis*. At least it should be spared confusion with its nasty but remote cousin of the *Haemadipsa* family which so plagued our Burma forces.

What is today forgotten is the fame our clinical leech always enjoyed as a weather prophet, as the insect is notoriously sensitive to the onset of barometric changes. As recently as 1897 this was noted by the Inner Temple's barrister-meteorologist George Chambers in his weather treatise, when the Victorian dedication to leeches was as fashionable as that to antimony pills.

He notes that in calm weather they remain at the bottom of their bottle, but when a change is afoot they crawl upwards; often many hours in advance. Before any storm onset they are at their most restless, rising up the glass quickly. Only when the change actually occurs do they quieten and descend their bottle. When rain or wind is to be protracted they remain long at the surface, and will even leave the water, crawling up the side of the bottle.

Perhaps the big cover houses who have to lay off pluvial insurance in this unpredictable island would do well to revive the leech bottle, as should also Citizen Ladbroke?

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A longer view on Middle East oil

From Mr A. R. K. Mackenzie

Sir, Few people would deny that it is important to have a coherent strategy for such a vital area as the Middle East; nor that such a strategy means that our political, cultural and economic policies should all be moving in the same direction. But are they?

On the one hand, we go to consider pains to improve our political relations in the area and to counter such follies as *Death of a Princess*. Yet as soon as oil prices fall we apparently lose all interest in agreements with the chief oil producers and say, as did your distinguished contributor [Mr Christopher Johnson] on April 6, "Let us make hay while the sun shines."

Surely this is very short-sighted? As your contributor acknowledged, either world economic recovery or the next Middle East crisis could trigger off a new oil price rise very rapidly. Can it therefore be in our interest to undercut or alienate Sheikh Yamani? Are we likely to get someone better in his place?

In raising such questions one has no intention of appeasing Opec. Nor does one ignore the short-term stocking problems of the oil companies. Yet one should surely also bear in mind that the oil producers must now be in a more accommodating frame of mind; and that we badly need their cooperation, not only over energy supplies but also in working out more adequate answers to Third World problems.

It would therefore seem to me that, instead of simply making Opec sweat, there is urgent need for high-level discussions with Opec countries (especially those in the Gulf), and also between the oil companies and our own Government, to make sure that short-term economic decisions are consistent with our overall strategy.

Yours faithfully,
A. R. K. MACKENZIE,
4 Buckingham Place, SW1.
April 6.

From Professor H. W. Singer

Sir, Some of us have been advocating in *The Times* and elsewhere a "global bargain" with Opec. Two key elements of this bargain would be an offer to Opec of inflation-proof investments for their surpluses in exchange for a reduction in oil prices for the poorer developing countries.

May I now point out that, in the recent Budget, we have offered Opec quite unconditionally and unilaterally inflation-proof investments for their surpluses through the new indexed gilts which will soon be freely available to all investors, including Opec. Thus what has been advocated as a bargain *with* Opec has now turned out to be a bargain *for* Opec.

Is it too late to discuss with Opec a counterpart to this unilateral concession? At the moment obviously this concession is only made by the United Kingdom but, if it results in a large diversion of Opec funds to London, one imagines that it may not be long until other countries offer similar facilities to Opec on an equally unilateral and unconditional basis. Then the chance of using this concession as a basis of a broader bargain with Opec would have been lost.

It may be thought that at this very moment, when oil prices are on the slide and Opec is in some disarray, the need for a global bargain has disappeared. I believe, however, that this would be a very shortsighted view.

Yours faithfully,
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Sussex.
March 31.

Health scrutinies

From Mrs M. E. Parsons

Sir, In her article about health scrutinies (April 2) Annabel Ferriman refers to the possibility of raising extra money for the health service by charging insurance companies more efficiently for the hospital care of traffic victims.

The Royal Commission on Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury (the Pearson commission) looked at this question, and paragraphs 1082-1085 of volume one of their report deals with road accident treatment costs. In paragraph 1084 it is stated: "The amount currently recovered by the National Health Service . . . is probably less than 5 per cent of the costs incurred, which amounted to nearly £50m in 1976" and in paragraph 1085: "We are in no doubt that the present provisions for recovering the cost of treating road accident victims are ineffective. . . ."

The commission's report was published in March, 1978.

Yours faithfully,
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April 3.

Resident's account of Falklands action

From Captain E. P. Carlisle

Sir, May I refer to your report from Christopher Thomas on April 10 and the letter of Mr Rex Hunt, in your paper today (April 12).

I returned to Britain on Saturday under the protection of the Swiss Diplomatic Corps as, after freely leaving the Falkland Islands on Thursday, I had been subjected to six hours of intensive questioning and a minute search of my person and all belongings and papers by the Argentinian security services at both Comodoro Rivadavia and Buenos Aires. My reasons for returning to this country were that I believed that I could give valuable information to the Foreign Office and Ministry of Defence about conditions and the situation of the islands and the up-to-date opinions of the inhabitants, which would help defuse the present situation and reduce the possibility of war between Argentina and Great Britain.

Since my arrival my views and motives have been widely misrepresented and there has been a deliberate attempt to discredit me.

After many years of patient and inconclusive diplomatic exchanges and to distract attention from their troubles at home the Argentine military Government invaded the islands. In my view the correct action would have been to surrender the garrison in the face of *force majeure* to save expected loss of life.

The Governor chose to declare a state of emergency, confine the population to their homes on pain of arrest, and mobilise the local defence force of about 30 men and about 60 Royal Marines. A battle took place for about an hour in which some thousands of rounds of small arms fire were expended, whereupon a truce was arranged and the Governor surrendered.

There were no British casualties and practically no damage done to Government House around which the action took place. One Argentine soldier was killed (there has been one military funeral in Argentina) and, it is believed, one injured. Mr. Hunt has greatly exaggerated the number of casualties inflicted. The Argentines have thus been able to claim a military victory which would otherwise have been denied them.

No preparations have been made to mine the three approach roads or to enable the local population to take a hand in the defence of their homeland. It is my opinion that if the defence had been conducted with determination the invaders might well have been defeated. We have instead suffered a military humiliation similar to that suffered in 1807, as referred to by Mr Robert Dashwood in his letter to you published on April 10.

It must be admitted that the Argentines had been ordered to behave with remarkable restraint to avoid inflicting casualties and, since their occupation, have created a good impression with the inhabitants by their correct and friendly attitude. Argentina must be compelled to withdraw her troops; but unless a settlement is offered, conferring sovereignty to Argentina yet enabling the islanders to continue management of their own affairs, police and local government, their pride will demand that they fight.

War between our two nations, with the inevitable likelihood of escalation and considering the situation of 30,000 British residents in Argentina, is too appalling to contemplate and can achieve no possible good. The islanders, though delightful people, are in many ways 50 years out of date. Progress had stagnated and Argentina promises investment and co-operation which the more thoughtful would welcome. Some will certainly choose to leave and Argentina has offered compensation, but if the islands are returned to British rule the previous unsatisfactory situation will be perpetuated with the insecurities remaining. The vital air services are likely to be removed and the possibility of friendly co-operation will be lost.

We have to achieve *right* not *revenge* and I am convinced that if the opinion of the islanders is asked the majority would now accept such a magnanimous gesture of transfer of sovereignty under the safeguards mentioned above.

The suspected oil resources can also be developed jointly by Argentina and Great Britain. There is immense good will in Argentina towards this country. I trust we will not throw it all away.

Yours faithfully,
E. P. CARLISLE,
Penyrwrlodd,
Llanigon,
Hay-on-Wye, via Hereford.
April 12.

Adapting to a post-colonial era

From Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker

Sir, After half a century spent in service under, within and near the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, I cannot accept Mr Butt's strictures (feature, April 8). Officials of the FCO have often been quicker to foretell public reactions than politicians.

With honourable exceptions, increasingly few MPs are now concerned with our overseas commitments bequeathed to us, rightly or wrongly, by past generations. The general intent of Britain through Parliament, especially since 1945, has been to get rid of such commitments as might require the expenditure of money or concern. In historic reality, this is no new attitude. A number of these responsibilities remain; the smaller they are, the harder so often to resolve.

Parliament well knows that under successive governments efforts have been continually made to resolve them through diplomatic, UN and other channels always within the wishes of the local inhabitants and the requirements of human rights which were the hallmark of British administration. The remote Falkland Islands, without any indigenous inhabitants such as were found in the Americas and Africa and Australasia, were settled by a population of 100 per cent British stock.

The attack is now being made by a fascist autocracy whose military exploits so far seem to have been against the human rights of the indigenous inhabitants and their own immigrant nationals. The reaction to this by the British people through Parliament is to make clear what may not have been clear before — that there are limits to the negotiating instructions of the FCO, and the attack oversteps the limits, up with which the British people will not put.

I am, etc,
DOUGLAS DODDS-PARKER,
14 Grosvenor Place, SW1.
April 8.

From Mr K. Hamylton Jones

Sir, Your leader of April 7 (para 3) accurately pinpoints the British policies, on non-independence seeking dependent territories, which have helped lead to the present crisis. I say "policies", but that is a euphemism. "The wishes of the inhabitants" are very important, but to take then as the *sole* guide to action is not a policy but a confession that one *lacks* a colonial policy. This is understandable, since colonies are unfashionable, indeed out of date; but it should not be an excuse for appeasing malevolent third parties.

The Falkland Islands and their Dependencies are, and should be regarded as, an asset to the United Kingdom not merely as the home of 1,800 proud Britons but

1. As a base for the British Antarctic Territory, and its as yet ungauged mineral and other resources.
2. As a centre for vast fishing resources which may be vitally needed when short-sighted European trawling policies have stripped the northern seas.
3. As a site for satellite-tracking and cognate stations as and when we define our proper rôle in the use of outer space. (I omit oil as an unknown quantity).

The inhabitants of the islands should be offered a new status as full citizens of a renamed "United Kingdom of the Greater British Isles" ("Great Britain", originally so named to distinguish it from Smaller Brittany, is a term much misused; almost any policy that we may eventually adopt on "Northern Ireland" can only be subserved by immersing that name in a wider whole).

The same status (and attitude) should be available (if and when circumstances so permit) for inhabitants of other islands such as Ascension, St Helena, Tristan da Cunha and Pitcairn — I prudently omit other potential candidates.

Yours sincerely,
KEITH HAMYLTON JONES,
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near East Looe, Cornwall.
April 7.

From Lord De L'Isle, V.C.

Sir, During the forthcoming weeks we are likely to be submitted to much conflicting advice on the resolution of the dispute with Argentina over the Falkland Islands. We shall be assailed by the growing clamour of international and party controversy and recrimination.

Those of us who experienced in our own lives the consequences of appeasing aggression should have learned that we ought to direct our thoughts constantly to a few substantial points so as to avoid a dangerous confusion of mind. In this dispute they are as follows:

1. Argentina has neglected to submit her claim to sovereignty over the islands to the International Court at the Hague.
2. Argentina, though a party to the Charter, continues to defy the particular resolution of the Security Council which insists on the immediate withdrawal of her forces in occupation of the Falklands.
3. Aggression has so far succeeded. If pressure by the United Nations is insufficient to restore the people and territory of the Falklands to British rule, and should other diplomatic means fail as well, this country has the right and — I would submit — the duty to restore our sovereignty by force if need be.
4. The consequences for the international community, and for the authority of the Security Council, are directly at issue, as is the resolve of the British people to protect the rights and wishes of fellow subjects in the islands.
5. A diplomacy which fails to support unequivocally the re-establishment of the law of nations which has been breached by violence will underwrite further violent lawlessness in the future.

Yours sincerely,
DE L'ISLE,
House of Lords.
April 8.

Gas supply

From Professor S. C. Littlechild

Sir, Jonathan Davis (Business News, March 29) refers to the difficulty faced by the oil companies in competing with British Gas, which has all the early supplies tied up under long-term contracts.

One device for overcoming this problem would be for the Department of Energy to purchase these contracts at a price related to the price paid by British Gas, then to auction the supplies to the highest bidders, whether these be British Gas, the oil companies, large industrial consumers, or newly-formed gas distribution companies. Competition in gas supply could thereby begin as soon as arrangements for distribution can be made.

Yours faithfully,
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March 30.

Geological disposal of nuclear waste

From Dr T. J. G. Francis

Sir, May I correct some misconception about the dumping of radioactive waste in the oceans put forward by your correspondent, Mr Dawson (April 2)?

Work carried out from the research vessel Farnella by scientists of this institute did indeed include surveys of possible disposal sites for radioactive waste, correctly reported by your Science Editor on March 30. This work was part of a larger programme of feasibility studies into the oceanic disposal of high-level radioactive waste (HLRW) being carried out by this institute under contract to the Department of the Environment. Similar work is being conducted by the USA, France, the Netherlands, Canada and Japan and is co-ordinated internationally through the Seabed Working Group of the Nuclear Energy Agency of the OECD.

In citing the antiquity of many navigational charts still in use, Mr Dawson draws attention to one of the problems facing oceanographers engaged in such feasibility studies — the sparsity of data relating to many areas of the ocean floor. An appropriate part of the early phase of this research, therefore, is to produce high-quality maps of areas deemed worthy of further study. The equipment used in making such maps includes a range of acoustic instruments (echo sounders, seismic profiling apparatus, side-scan sonar) which not only tell us about the morphology of the seabed but provide information on the nature and thickness of the sediments. This was the type of work being carried out on r. v. Farnella.

Mr Dawson is wrong, however, in considering that the complexity of water motions within the world's oceans negates our efforts. The reason why the oceanic option for HLRW disposal is still worth pursuing is because its effectiveness depends far less on the properties of the water masses than on those of the sediments beneath. The most plausible form that such a disposal might take involves the burial of waste canisters some tens of metres beneath the sea floor.

The effectiveness of this method depends on the effectiveness of the sedimentary barrier between the waste and the sea itself. Thus oceanic disposal of HLRW is, in fact, a form of geological disposal, analogous to methods of disposal on land being explored in a number of countries. Since most of the world's surface is covered by ocean, the feasibility of geological disposal cannot be properly evaluated without including marine geology.

In conclusion, radioactive waste exists. Safe methods of storing or disposing of it need to be found. Burial within the sediments of the deep ocean floor is a disposal option which we would be foolish to ignore and which could yet prove to be the optimun method of containing this dangerous material.

Yours faithfully,
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Compulsory treatment

From the President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists

Sir, Your admirable leader (Limits of compulsory treatment, March 31) rightly singles out consent to treatment as a crucial issue in the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill. Although many aspects of the Bill have found favour with The Royal College of Psychiatrists, members are seriously worried by the inclusion of medication in Clause 41. Except in an emergency, it will be necessary, where a detained patient refuses tablets or injections, to obtain a second psychiatric opinion from a doctor nominated by the new Mental Health Act Commission. This will apply to medicines designed to induce sleep; to tranquillise agitated patients who may be confused, hallucinated or deluded; to combat severe depression with its associated suicidal impulses and self-neglect.

Practising psychiatrists can envisage many situations where the new requirements will generate inordinate delay in bringing relief to disturbed and distraught patients. Provisional estimates indicate that the need for second opinions under the medication stipulations will be very considerable and will make substantial demands on psychiatric manpower.

The modern practice of psychiatry in open wards of psychiatric hospitals and in general hospitals brings with it the need to act swiftly in the treatment of disturbed patients. Bureaucratic delay may not only put patients (and staff) at risk, but may lead to an increase in the use of closed wards or even to a reluctance to accept detained patients who may then be diverted to police cells or even prison.

Yours faithfully,
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April 6.

Numerical advantage

From Mr A. K. Galloway

Sir, I suspect that the BBC dates its programmes with Roman numerals in order to make it more difficult to spot the repeats.

Yours etc,
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April 6.

SOCIAL NEWS

Royal engagements

The following engagements for June have been announced from Buckingham Palace:

1. Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will visit the Royal Veterinary College.
The Prince of Wales, patron, Rainbow Boats Trust, will visit the Pirate Club, Oval Road.
The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and trustee, will attend a reception at Buckingham Palace for young people who have reached the gold standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.
The Duke of Edinburgh, patron, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, will confer honorary fellowships at the school.
Princess Anne will take the salute at beating retreat by the massed bands of the Household Division, in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund and Household Division charities, on Horse Guards Parade.
2. The Duke of Edinburgh, president of the World Wildlife Fund, will open an exhibition of paintings from the Anschutz Collection of Colorado, at the Mall Galleries.
Princess Anne will attend a dinner given for delegates to the International Banking Conference at Leeds Castle, Kent.
3. The Queen will inspect the Yeomen of the Guard at Buckingham Palace.
The Duke of Edinburgh, a trustee of the National Maritime Museum, will attend a meeting of the trustees at the museum, Greenwich.
Princess Anne will visit the Suffolk Show, Ipswich.
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a reception at Buckingham Palace for delegates to the Conference of European Speakers.
Princess Anne will attend a reception at St Katharine's Dock to celebrate the completion of TS Royalist's 10-year refit.
4. The Queen, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, will visit the Central Ordnance Depot at Donnington, Shropshire, and will open the central processing building.
Princess Anne, patron, Riding for the Disabled Association, will visit the Epsom group, Surrey.
The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief the Gordon Highlanders, will attend the annual regimental dinner at the Caledonian Club.
6. The Prince of Wales will be present at Capital Radio's "Venture Day" in Battersea Park.
7-9. The President of the United States and Mrs Reagan will visit the Queen at Windsor Castle.
8-10. Princess Anne, Colonel in Chief, Royal Signals, will visit regiments of 1st (British) Corps, BAOR.
9. The Prince of Wales will visit the Isle of Wight.
The Queen will attend a thanksgiving service in Westminster Abbey and attend a reception in the abbey garden to mark the centenary of Church Army.
The Duke of Edinburgh, president of World Wildlife Fund International, will open WWF UK's new offices in Godalming, and then attend a WWF awards dinner at Sutton Place, Guildford.
9-11. The Duke of Edinburgh, president of World Wildlife Fund International, will attend the fund's executive committee and board meetings at the Portman Hotel.
10. The Queen will take the salute at founder's day at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, to mark their tercentary. The Queen will watch beating retreat by the massed bands of the Royal Marines on Horse Guards Parade to mark the birthday of the Duke of Edinburgh, who will take the salute.
11. The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Regiment of Wales, will visit the 1st Battalion at Aldershot.
11-13. Princess Anne, Colonel in Chief 14th/20th King's Hussars, will visit the regiment at Hohne, BAOR, and will present a new guidon.
12. The Queen will take the salute at the Queen's Birthday Parade.
The Queen will take the salute at a fly-past of Royal Air Force aircraft from the balcony of Buckingham Palace.
14. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a service for the Order of the Garter in St George's Chapel, Windsor.
15. Princess Anne will inspect ships company divisions and open the new computer hall in HMS Centurion, Gosport.
18. The Prince of Wales will take the salute at beating the retreat at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.
21. The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will review the Royal Air Force Regiment on the occasion of their fortieth anniversary year at RAF Wittering, Cambridgeshire.
The Prince of Wales will attend a reception given by the Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation at Badminton, Gloucestershire.
21-24. The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of Cambridge University, will visit the university to confer honorary degrees and carry out other engagements in the university.
24. The Prince of Wales will open the Wellcome Foundation's new medical chemistry building at Beckenham, Kent.
The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Alcan Plate at Birmingham.
The Prince of Wales, great master, will attend the Order of the Bath's At Home in Westminster Abbey.
25. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the fleet at sea off Portsmouth.
28. The Queen will visit 207 (Scottish) Air Defence Battery, Royal Artillery, Edinburgh Castle.
Princess Anne will open TMC'S new building at Malmesbury.
Princess Anne will visit the Countryside Museum at Northleach and will open the new primary school at Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.
29. The Queen will visit George Watson's College, Edinburgh.
The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, will attend the annual regimental dinner of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys) at the Signet Library, Edinburgh.
30. The Queen will open the new department of biochemistry at the Moredun Institute of the Animal Diseases Research Association, Edinburgh.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of Edinburgh University, will visit the Wolfson Microelectronics Institute and the student societies centre and sports hall and open the Eric Liddell Athletic Training Centre in Edinburgh.
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. J. Dawson and Miss E. S. Carver

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs J. T. M. Dawson, of Gosforth, Newcastle, and Elizabeth, daughter of Colonel and Mrs R. O. H. Carver, of Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire.

Mr R. W. L. Groves and Miss H. M. K. Charteris

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Captain and Mrs P. W. Groves, of Whitchurch, Cardiff, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr D. N. Charteris, of Avebury Trusloe, Wiltshire, and the late Mrs Mary Charteris.

Mr B. A. C. Hull and Miss C. L. M. Salmon

The engagement is announced between Tony, son of the late Mr and Mrs Joseph Hull, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Salmon, of 23 Sylva Court, Putney Hill, SW15.

Mr W. Lebus and Miss V. Neave

The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Mr and Mrs Oliver Lebus, of 25 Victoria Road, London W8 and Venetia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Julius Neave, of Mill Green Park, Ingatestone, Essex.

Mr B. A. Mackintosh and Miss C. J. Clarke

The engagement is announced between Benjamin Ames, only son of Mr and Mrs Ian Mackintosh, of Manor House, Blofield, Norwich, and Caroline Julia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Clarke, of Erpingham Lodge, Ingworth, Norfolk.

Mr N. C. Ridley and Miss A. J. Lincoln

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Joseph Ridley, of Monks Risborough, Buckinghamshire, and Annabella Juliet, elder daughter of Mr John Lincoln, of Denham, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Roslyn Lincoln, of Chelsea, London.

Mr N. D. V. Walker and Miss C. E. M. Badger

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of His Honour Judge J. D. Walker and Mrs Walker, of Molescroft Close, Beverley, and Charlotte, younger daughter of the Rev Canon J. L. Badger and Mrs Badger, of Emmanuel Vicarage, Bridlington.

Mr P. A. Williamson and Miss J. N. Helsby

The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Williamson, of The Ramblers, Priory Close, Boxgrove, W Sussex, and Judy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Helsby, of Coombe Farm, Goodleigh, N Devon.

Marriage

Mr J. Barton and Miss A. M. Brew

The marriage took place on April 8 at Chelsea Register Office between Mr John Barton, eldest son of the late Mr Alan Barton and Mrs H. Barton, of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, and Angela, youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Leslie M. Brew, of Kensington, London, and Suffolk.

Fears over conserving buildings

By Charles McKean, Architecture Correspondent

Informed concern is now being expressed at a likely backlash against conservation in Britain. Some of the reasons were outlined in a joint Scottish Civic Trust/Planning Exchange conference last week.

On the one hand, money from central sources is wholly inadequate to meet the current demand for repair, maintenance or conversion. Patterns are changing, which render more and more great buildings redundant. The decline in tourism means far fewer of them will be converted into hotels.

The Ministry of Defence, hospital boards, and education departments are all shedding or neglecting important buildings. Town halls, police stations, and magistrates' courts, traditional buildings of high quality, are being rationalized. Upper floors in town centre buildings are becoming too much trouble to restore and are being left empty to rot.

Finally, there is thought to be a conflict between employment and conservation: old buildings get in the way.

To counter that view, there is now a wealth of experience by non-governmental organizations in converting old properties and raising money for them in the teeth of official opposition. There is a growing trend for private industry to invest in conservation projects and to make a reasonable return from them. Many restoration projects have created jobs.

Nonetheless, if conservation is to survive the hard times ahead, much more flexibility will be required from the system. The conference considered that it should imclude rates relief for restoring derelict buildings or filling gap sites, as in Italy, and the United States, for landmark buildings.

However, the urgency of the problems derives not just from growing opposition. It is clear from the rapidly increasing rôle of dead, dying, or dangerously ill buildings throughout Britain. The ironic fact is that uses for these buildings are available if only the regulations, controls, the finance, and the authorities were more flexible.

Two positive leads for the future included the example of Glasgow District Council's excellent register of vacant buildings available for letting. Since its introduction, a number of historic properties have found good new uses.

The other is the creation of development trusts. In the 1980s, the latter seems to be destined for a growth industry.

Tournament win for English pairs specialists

By a Bridge Correspondent

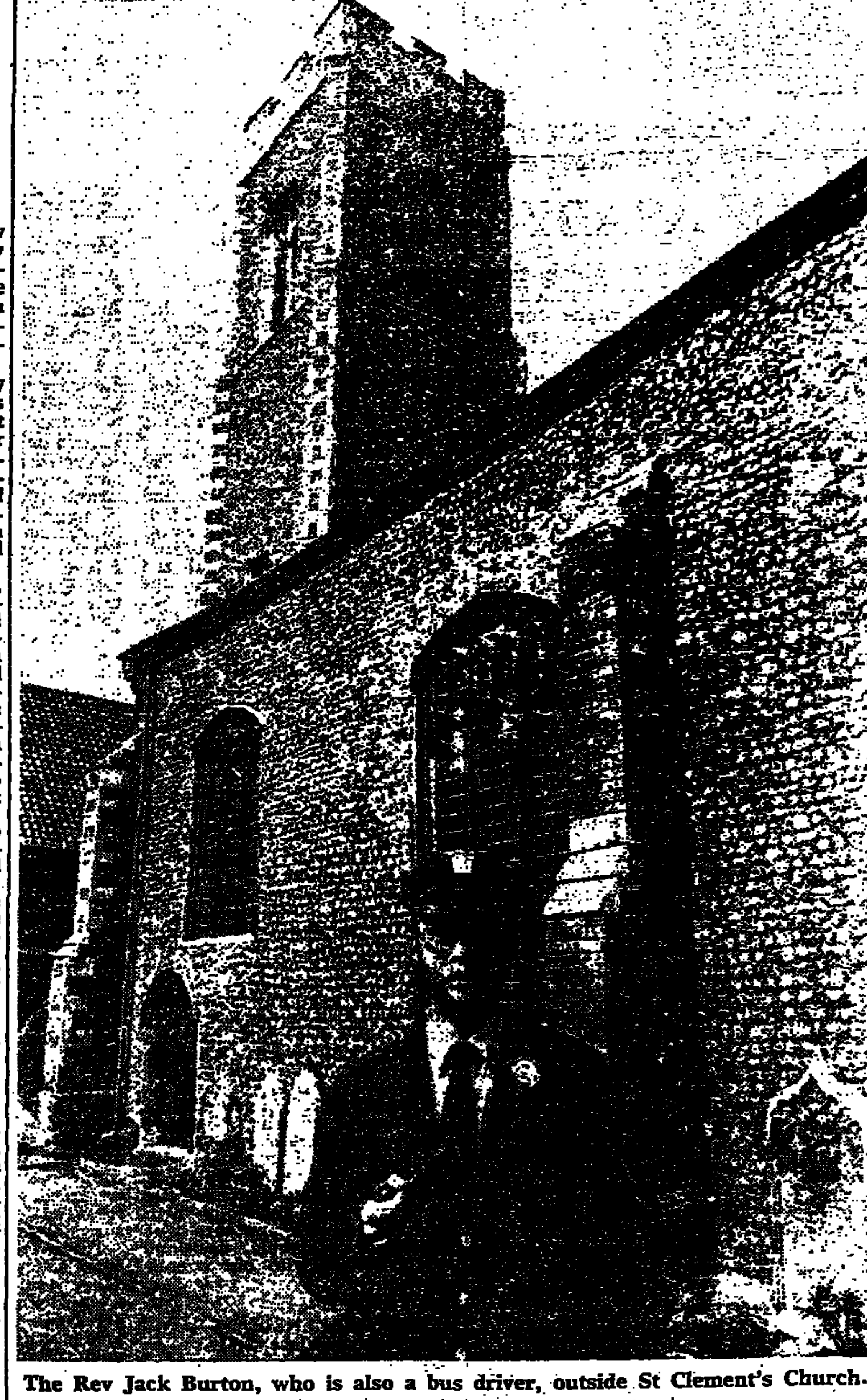
The Guardian Easter Bridge Tournament ended at the Europa Hotel, London, on Sunday night with a convincing win by the English pairs specialists Paul Hackett and Martin Hoffman, who finished 162 points ahead of P. O. Sundelin and Miss J. Nellstrom, of Sweden in an international field.

The Swedish pair had a very successful tournament as they went on to win the teams championship in partnership with British international A. Calderwood and J. D. R. Collings, and had already won the mixed pairs.

Results:
Final placings: 1. P Hackett (NW), M Hoffman (London) 4916; 2. P O Sundelin, Miss J Nellstrom (Sweden) 4754; 3. M Clack, D Murphy (London) 4694; 4. J Moskal, W K Szaflarski (London) 4687; 5. R M Sheeham, Z Mahmoud (London) 4683; 6 equal, B Karlgren, E Christensson (Sweden) 4675 and G Mossop, Dr A W S Williams (Surrey) 4675; 8. B Stewart, S Edgington (NW) 4673; 9. G Florz, P Collaros (Switzerland) 4638; 10. A Calderwood, J D R Collings (London) 4618.
Teams: Results: 1. P O Sundelin, Miss J Nellstrom (Sweden), A Calderwood, J D R Collings (London) 100; 2. P L Teltscher, I N Rose, B Schapiro, P Steckelmacher, C Simpson (London — above five), N Nikitine (Switzerland) 90; 3 equal D W Stevenson, P Laddin (NW), Miss D Sloan (Ireland), A Forrester (London) and Miss A Jaffa, N Selway, D Edwin, R Sampson (London) 87

Copthorne School

The governors of Copthorne School announce the appointment of Mr. David Newton as joint headmaster of the school with Mr. David Sale, starting in September, 1982, in succession to Mr David Cann.



The Rev Jack Burton, who is also a bus driver, outside St Clement's Church.

Drive to save churches

By Michael Horsnell

When the wool trade made Norwich the third city of the kingdom after London and York during the Middle Ages the city walls encompassed as many as 31 churches to meet the needs of its prosperous worshippers.

Norwich remains the richest city in Britain for medieval churches but its declining fortunes and shrinking congregations over the past 400 years have left it with more than half of its ancient places of worship redundant.

East Anglian determination to cling to its heritage, however, has seen the launch of a five-year programme costing £370,000 by the Norwich Historic Churches Trust to save 16 of its superfluous churches for social and community uses.

Already one has been converted into a puppet theatre, another into a night shelter for the homeless and others into museums and a social centre.

One, St Clement's Church, which dates from the fifteenth century, has been taken over by the Rev Jack Burton, a Methodist minister, who raises £1,000 a year to keep it open as a centre for meditation and prayer. Mr. Burton is a bus driver when not conducting church affairs.

Birthdays today



Miss Margaret Price, the opera singer, who is 41.

Mr Samuel Beckett, 76; Mr John Braine, 60; Air Vice-Marshal Sir Bernard Chacksfield, 69; the Right Rev R. N. Coote, 67; Mr Liam Cosgrave, 62; Mr Beverley Cross, 51; Professor Gordon Donaldson, 69; Mr Edward Fox, 45; Professor A. H. Hasley, 59; Marshal of the RAF Sir Arthur Harris, 90; Mr Graham Hutton, 78; Lord James of Rusholme, 73; Mr Geoffrey Kenton, 80; The Right Rev D. G. Loveday, 86; The Duke of Marlborough, 56; Mr Jonjo O'Neil, 30; Sir Stephen Roberts, 67; Sir Derek Walker-Smith, QC, MP, 72; Lord Wedderburn of Charlton, 55; Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson, 61; Major-General Sir John Winterton, 84.

The Hon Mrs Guy Mansfield gave birth to a son in London yesterday.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid).
Bourne, Mr Clarence Allanson, of Clowne, Derbyshire £242,069
Howard, Mr Robert Lawton, of Hove, East Sussex £214,121
Lancaster, Miss Rina Frances, of Chiddingfold, Surrey £345,230
McDougall, Elsie Ada, of Ottery St Mary, Devon £267,022
Millington, Mary Winifred, of St Anne's, Lancashire £215,413
Price, Mr Douglas Percival, of Bewdley, Hereford and Worcester £230,824
Whitaker, Mr Ralph Raymond, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire £373,152
Witt, Vera, of Wembley, North London £200,171

Campbeltown creamery is a maturing investment

By Jonathan Wills, Scottish Correspondent

By all the laws of economic geography Campbeltown is the last place you would expect to find an industrial success story. However a cheese factory in the little Argyllshire town has proved otherwise.

Stuck on the end of the 50-mile long Kintyre peninsular, which points at Ireland like a crooked finger, this town of 9,000 people boasts one of the most modern creameries in Europe. Despite being 138 miles by twisting mountin roads from Glasgow, having no railway and with poor ferry connexions, the town now produces 10 per cent of all the cheese made in Scotland.

Mr Rupert Cooper, the creamery's irrepressible managing director, has recently been showing the Highlands and Islands Development Board (HIDB) around the computer-controlled, highly automated plant which has removed most of the chance from Scottish Cheddar making.

Mr Cooper freely admits that he is what locals call "a chancer"—eight years ago, the factory was on the brink of closure when its former owners, Unigate Ltd, decided to pull out rather than invest in modern plant.

When the new HIDB chairman, Mr Robert Cowan, went on a tour of the gleaming, stainless steel plant recently, he was clearly impressed by the results of £310,000 worth of HIDB loans and grants, part of a £1.3m development. Mr Cooper recalled with a grin the days when he had to take a second mortgage on his own house to persuade a reluctant bank to put up money for this unpromising project.

With an assured market for 3,000 tonnes of cheese a year, worth more than £5¼m wholesale, the future now looks good for the unionised workforce of 40. Mr Cooper says they earn above the going rate in return for being flexible about demarcation lines.

The company pays a bonus, but workers can lose it for bad timekeeping. Paradoxically, clocking on and off was abolished last year. "We operate on a great deal of mutual trust" says Mr Cooper.

The rotund, jolly managing director wears a white coat and a dairyman's hat like everyone else. His manager drives a forklift on Saturdays when the regular driver is off. Mr Cooper's pride and joy, apart from the ingenious curd-making and packing machines, is the fully-equipped laboratory. Here muslin cheesecloth has given way to hypodermic needles, pipettes and scientific paraphernalia, designed to ensure uniform high quality.

The laboratory is run by Mrs Kate Jackson, a science graduate. Together with her staff of two, she has the latest computer technology at her disposal. For example, Mr Cooper persuaded an instrument company to use the creamery as a test bed for a gas-chromatography machine that analyses the fat and protein content of the product in a few seconds. It used to take hours.

It is as well that Campbeltown has this bright spot, for town's other industries are going through troubled times. The local shipyard specialises in fishing boats and has been hit by uncertainty over the Common Market fisheries policy, or rather the lack of one. There are hopes of new orders from as far away as Africa but the immediate prospect is of redundancies.

The local distilleries are in the doldrums as the whisky market falters but there is some optimism in textiles,

Beverley appeal launched

From Our Correspondent, Hull

A public appeal has been launched to raise funds to fight Beverley Borough Council in the High Court over a housing scheme which, it is said will destroy a view of Beverley Minster.

The battle for the Minster view has been going on for five years. The council bought a parcel of land under a compulsory purchase order for £4,000 on the understanding that it would never be developed.

Two years later the land was sold for £32,000 for development by the St Andrews Street Development Cooperative. Objections were made by several independent groups including the local civic society, the Friends of the Minster, the Heritage Group, preservationists and others.

Two reports by the local Ombudsman have upheld objectors' allegations of maladministration against the borough council over the granting of planning applications.

In February the objectors succeeded in obtaining a High Court interim injunction prohibiting the council from considering detailed planning permission for the disputed site and leave was granted to apply for a judicial review of the matter.

If the High Court finds the council at fault it may declare the outline planning permission null and void.

The objectors ar appealing for a minimum £7,500 for their legal costs. No date has been fixed for the High Court hearing.

Sir Murray's home thoughts from abroad

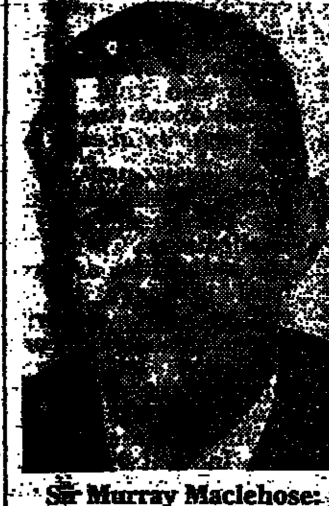
Sir Murray Maclehose, who retires at the end of the month as governor and commander-in-chief of Hongkong, said that when he returns to Britain he hopes to attend the House of Lords regularly. Sir Murray was made a life peer in the new year honours list.

He and Lady Maclehose will live at the family house in Ayrshire.

"I also expect to be on the board of the Scottish Trust for physically disabled" he said. "But basically I have got to see what I want to do and, of course, I will always be intensely interested in anything to do with Hongkong".

Sir Murray, who has been governor since 1971, said that Hongkong's young Chinese increasingly identify their future with that of the colony.

"Unlike their parents, the increasing number of Hongkong-born people are eager to participate in local affairs", Sir Murray stressed. But they do not want or expect Hongkong to develop into a self-governing city-state.



Sir Murray Maclehose: Heading for the Lords

After a holiday in Sri Lanka, Sir Murray will fly to London for a briefing with the new governor, Sir Edward Youde, and discussions with senior Foreign and Commonwealth Office staff.

Asked what advice he would give to his successor, Sir Murray, characteristically, said: "In the affairs that concern Hongkong most, such as administration, finance, relations with the United Kingdom, China and the United States, Sir Edward is a professional and I am an amateur. He needs no advice from me.

"But with regard to his perception of Hongkong, I would warn him to beware of isolation in Government House, and to find time to meet and listen to people of all degree, both official and unofficial in all parts of the territory." — Reuter.

OBITUARY

WILFRID PELLETIER

Notable Canadian conductor

Wilfrid Pelletier, CC, CMG, the Canadian conductor and educationist has died in New York at the age of 85. Besides playing an important role in the musical life of Canada, particularly Quebec province, Pelletier was also for many years a conductor and coach at the Metropolitan Opera, New York.

Wilfrid Pelletier was born on June 20, 1896, and educated initially in Montreal. He was given his first lessons in piano, harmony and composition by his father who was a professional musician. At the age of 17 he was appointed assistant conductor of he Montreal Opera.

In 1915 he won the Province of Quebec's Prix d'Europe and was sent to Paris where he studied piano with Isidore Phillip, harmony with Marcel Samuel-Rousseau, opera repertory with Camille Bellaigue and composition with Charles-Marie Widor.

In 1917 he returned to the American continent and as a result of being heard accompanying a singer in New York by the conductor Pierre Monteux, he was engaged as a répétiteur and assistant at the Metropolitan Opera. From 1917 he was an assistant conductor at the Met with Monteux, Albert Wolff and Louis Hasselmans. During this period he also conducted the Ravinia Opera and the San Francisco Opera.

In 1932 he was appointed first conductor at the Met and conducted the Sunday Night Opera Concerts. He also became director of the company's French repertory and instituted the Metropolitan Auditions of the Air, as well as being a regular conductor of the New York Philharmonic's children's concerts. During his long stay at the Met he coached some of the greatest singers of the time in many of their famous roles, including Caruso, Gigli and Lily Pons, as well as the soprano, Rose Bampton, whom he married.

His interest in the educational aspects of music eventually led him back to Canada where, in 1935, he was a founder of the Société des Concerts de Montréal. The following year he initiated Les Festivals de Montréal.

Thereafter his life was inextricably linked with the musical life and education of the province of Quebec. He instituted the children's concerts — in English and French — which were given by the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and in 1943 he founded the Conservatoire de Musique et d'Art Dramatique which he organized and directed for the Quebec government until 1961. On retiring from this appointment he was appointed music director in the Ministère des Affaires Culturelles of the province of Quebec. He held this post until his retirement in 1970.

In 1972 Pelletier published his autobiography *Une symphonie inachevée*.

He was appointed CMG in 1946, a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1967, and was also a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour and had honorary doctorates of music from several universities.

MR H. M. BAILLIE

J. M. J. R. writes:

To the important contribution Hugh Murray Baillie made as deputy secretary of the Royal Historical Manuscripts Commission, you have already paid tribute. But some mention needs to be made of his role as a scholar in his own chosen field of the history of European palaces.

It was his experience at the end of the war as a Monuments, Archives and Fine Arts officer in occupied Germany that gave Hugh that brilliant flash of inspiration: that the German palaces of the eighteenth century were *not* built, as everyone had thought, on the model of Versailles. Now, there are few art historians and museum curators, not least the *conservateurs* of Versailles themselves, who do not refer to his seminal paper on "Etiquette and state planning of the State Apartments in Baroque Palaces" published in *Archaeologia* (1967).

There was little of the structure and the life of European palaces that Hugh did not know about, from the canopied bed to the food on the table, or the appropriate gear or wig for king and courtier to wear in different circumstances. It is to be hoped that his treasury of lantern slides, almost all taken by himself, will be preserved, for it was an encyclopaedia which he generously placed at the disposal of young scholars. And perhaps his great work on the orders of chivalry will also see the light of day. He brought together deep historical knowledge and the curator's instincts: a very rare combination.

Hugh was also most wonderful company, urbane, witty, gently deflating the pompous, at his best in his intimate *perchoir* in the family home entertaining one over lunch prepared to one of the recipes published decades ago by Archduke Rudolf's cook. It will be sad not to be able to share one's thoughts and ideas about Versailles with him any more.

Archaeology

Neolithic finds in Sardinia

Recent excavations and radio carbon dating assays have provided the first firm chronology for the prehistory of Sardinia, one of the largest islands in the western Mediterranean basin. Although Sardinia, which is part of Italy, lies only a short distance from both the mainland and the French island of Corsica, its prehistory has remained comparatively obscure. The best known monuments are the stone towers known as *nuraghi*, and the island was a noted source of copper in Classical times.

The excavations at the cave of Grotta Filiestru, in the commune of Mara, near the west coast of Sardinia, were carried out in 1979 and 1980 by Dr David Trump of Cambridge University, and demonstrated a sequence of occupation beginning in the Neolithic and persisting to the Bronze age, with later sporadic use down to the present day.

More than three metres of deposits were defined into seven distinct periods of occupation, based on pottery types, and each has been given a chronological position based on one or more radiocarbon dates. The dating was carried out in the Radiocarbon Dating Research Laboratory at Cambridge University by Dr Roy Switsur and Mr Alan Ward.

The earliest period is marked by the presence of the pottery known to archaeologists as "Cardial ware", because it is decorated with zigzag impressions made by the edge of a shell of the cockle *Cardium edule*. Such pottery is known through the east Mediterranean basin and into the western basin, with dates earlier than 5500 b.c. in radiocarbon years from sites in the south of France. The four dates from Grotta Filiestru, spanning the period 4760 to 4520 b.c., are comparatively late, and may indicate a long survival of cardial ware in Sardinia; a similar survival as late as 4000 b.c. is known in Malta.

The earliest phase of occupation yielded the bones of sheep, cattle and pig, indicating a herding economy similar to other cardial ware sites, and one which remained constant for centuries thereafter.

The two succeeding Neolithic phases, named Filiestru and Bonu Ighinu, span the period from 4170 to about 3300 b.c., and correlate with the sequence excavated at the nearby ritual cave of Su Tintirriolu. The appearance of the Ozieri phase at about 3300 b.c. pushes this occupation back some way from its previous earliest date in Sardinia: it is marked by changes in pottery, with the introduction of flat based pots with tunnel handles, in stone weaponry, with the use of barbed and tanged arrowheads, and in the economy, with pigs replacing sheep as the most important animal.

The Bonnanaro phase of the terminal Neolithic and early Bronze age has a few fragments of Bell Beakers, a common ceramic style in Europe around 2000 b.c., while the Nuraghic period from 1650 b.c. onwards has a single radiocarbon date of 1490 b.c. matching those from other sites on the island, including the famous *nuraghe* of Barumini.

The importance of the suite of radiocarbon dates, a dozen in all for the period 4760-1490 b.c., lies in its overall consistency — the dates being in good stratigraphic order — and in the provision of a chronology for the Neolithic period prior to the building of the *nuraghi*.

The excavations have also yielded more than 8,000 pottery fragments, 4,000 pieces of flaked flint and obsidian from the making and use of stone tools, and some 2,000 animal bones: this collection will enable the economy of prehistoric Sardinia to be studied with greater insight than hitherto, and the overall sequence is considered so important for the island's archaeology that an entire monolith of the deposits is to be lifted for display in the regional museum at Sassari.

Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

Moreover . . . Miles Kington

In the Lords yesterday, while moving a third reading of the Licensing of Sex Shops Bill, **Lord Kiljoy** said it was high time. Circumstances were such that measures should be taken. He did not want to seem unduly old-fashioned, but. He also thought that unless measures were taken very soon, there was every ground for thinking. He added that it was high time.

Lord Cona: You have already said that.

Lord Kiljoy: I will say it as often as is necessary. May I end by stressing the need once again for the licensing of sex shops?

Lord Aftermath said he was all in favour. He had recently spent half an hour in a sex shop in, he thought, Reading, anyway it was somewhere where he would not be recognized, and he had asked for a pint of lager but the proprietor had informed him they were not licensed. He thought it was high time. He thought the day would come when people might say, I am just slipping out to the sex shop for a pint.

Lord Cona inquired whether Lord Aftermath had visited the shop in Reading or wherever it was to do research for this session, or for some other reason.

Lord Aftermath: said that if Lord Cona really wanted to know, he had gone looking for a book for his son's O Level exam.

Lord Cona thought that Lord Aftermath should vouchsafe this information to the Marines.

Lord Aftermath: I was asked to buy a copy of *Robinson Crusoe*, a mine of information on self-sufficiency and DIY. I saw a shop marked "Books and Mags" and not unnaturally assumed that books and magazines were for sale, so I inquired within for the said book by Daniel Defoe.

Lord Cona said he would tell them next that they had got it.

Lord Aftermath: They had, as a matter of fact. It was marked "Two Men Together on an Island without Women!" He had removed this wrapper before handing the book to his son.

Lord Macnolia said that in this farrago of nonsense there was a grain of truth. He objected to shady shops being labelled Books and Mags, as if they were a refuge for bibliophiles. Come to that, he objected to the term "sex shop" which made it sound as if sex were a commodity that could be packaged and sold by the kilo. It were not as if one could go in and ask for a half pound bag of sex, or two penn'orth of assorted sex. He was distressed that such loose use of language could be seen by young people.

Lord Boomtown agreed. He had recently hired what was described as a self-drive car. He had sat in it for hours, but the damned thing had not moved.

Lord Laud agreed. He had recently gone to buy a bucket in what was described as a bucket shop but could only get a cheap air ticket to Tunisia.

Lord Cona said that he had the sympathy of the House.

Lord Laud said there was no need for them to waste their sympathy. He had found a very good, cheap, bucket when he got to Tunisia.

Lord St Omaway said that he thought hunting restrictions should be lifted and that they should be shot all the year round. This was the best possible way of keeping down their numbers to the right limits.

Lord Cona said that Lord St Ankey must be thinking of the Ptarmigan and Capercaillie Act which they had discussed the previous week, poor old thing.

Lord St Omaway: Not at all. I find generally that shootin' and bombin' is the best way of controlling most things, and it would certainly work with sex shops.

Lord Cona apologized grudgingly and said that Lord St Omaway was a funny sort of name.

Lord Stomaway: It is a misprint.

Lord Kiljoy said they seemed to be getting away from the subject. In his opinion, it was high time.

Lord Cona said oh, Lord, he thought they'd heard the last of Lord Kiljoy's high times.

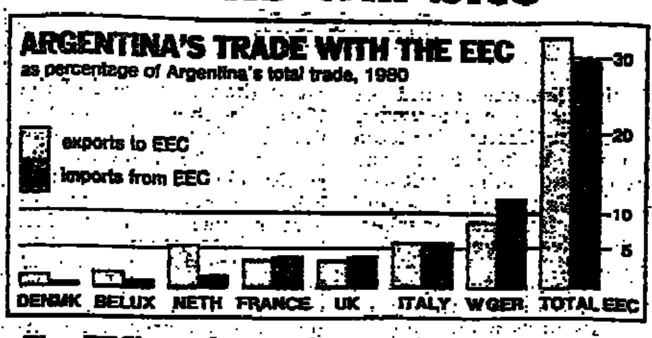
Lord Kiljoy asked Lord Cona to come outside and say that again.

(The reading was adjourned while Lord Cona went outside and said it again. See sports pages for match report.)

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BUSINESS NEWS

Sanctions will bite



The EEC's trade sanctions could affect Argentina significantly because it accounts for roughly a third of Argentina's total trade. Half of the country's $2,550m (£1,440m) exports to the EEC during 1980 consisted of foodstuffs such as beef and a quarter of raw materials such as leather. Imports, mostly machinery and manufactured goods, totalled $3,080m. West Germany took 9 per cent of Argentina's exports and accounted for 12 per cent of her imports. The comparable figures for Britain were 3½ per cent and 4 per cent.

Opec meeting postponed

A follow-up committee of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has put off a meeting scheduled for next week in Vienna because the large oil companies have stopped putting pressure on Nigeria, the Saudi Press Agency said yesterday.

The agency quoted Mr Mana Uteiba, the Opec chairman and oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, as saying the postponement was due to a memorandum he had received from Opec's secretariat. He said that the meeting had been put off until the beginning of May.

Pressure off the pound

Hopes that Mr Haig's shuttle diplomacy will bear fruit took some of the pressure off sterling in overseas foreign exchange markets yesterday. The pound, which had closed at $1.7580 in London and $1.7550 in New York before the weekend, traded slightly higher in the Far East yesterday and reached $1.7655 in early New York dealing.

BL sales double in five countries

BL's sales have doubled in the five main continental markets — Italy, France, Germany, Belgium and Holland, lead by the Austin Metro and the launch of the Triumph Acclaim. Total BL car sales in these countries last month were 8,896, compared with 4,460 in March 1981. Italian customers bought 2,629 Metros, the best ever month in a continental market.

£10m steel deal

Improved cost-competitiveness at British Steel's Port Talbot plant has helped to win a £10m contract to supply 75,000 tonnes of slabs to the Kaiser Steel Corporation, in the United States, with the prospect of more substantial business from the same customer for BSC Strip Mill Products.

Factory to close

The SCM Corporation is closing its golfball typewriter factory in Glasgow on June 30, with the loss of 190 jobs. The company's announcement follows last week's announcement of the impending closure of SCM's typewriter plant in Toronto.

Record orders

An order for 140 Land Rover Ambulances, worth £2m, for the Royal Jordanian Armed Forces, is the largest ever won by Pilcher-Greene, the West Sussex based specialist vehicle bodybuilders.

Girobank target

The Post Office and the Government have agreed a new financial target for the National Girobank over the next three years. The objective is to make an average return of 19 per cent a year on mean net assets (on a historic cost basis), Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister of State for Information Technology, told the Commons.

● Rating assessments for businesses outside enterprise zones may be revised on the grounds of "change of locality", Mr Nicholas Ridley, Treasury Minister, has said in a letter to Mr Walter Goldsmith, director-general of the Institute of Directors.

● A £25m overhauling base for Rolls-Royce RB211 engines is being set up by Saudia, the largest Middle East airline operating Boeing 747s and Lockheed TriStars. Rolls-Royce will also help in training Saudi personnel to enable the airline to become technically self sufficient.

Job fears as oil rig orders decline

By Jonathan Davis, Energy Correspondent

The value of orders from new North Sea oil developments fell by more than 15 per cent last year, from £2,380m to less than £2,000m figures to be published shortly by the Government are expected to show. Another decline is likely this year amid growing fears that hundreds of jobs in the offshore construction industry will be lost unless there is an unexpected rise in demand.


Hamish Gray: left in no doubt of the position.

The fall in the value of offshore orders reflects the drying up of new North Sea field development in the present harsher climate of falling oil prices and what the oil companies claim is excessively high North Sea taxation. Twenty fields are in production, and another five are due on stream by 1984. But no new developments have been started in the last two years, and many companies are reappraising their potentially economic oil finds.

Leading figures in the platform and module construction industries left Mr Hamish Gray, the Minister in charge of North Sea oil at the Department of Energy in no doubt at an industry dinner last week of their gloomy outlook. One employer, Lewis Offshore, issued 90-day statutory redundancy notices to its 400 workers at Stornoway in the Outer Hebrides last week, and other companies are expected to follow suit in the coming months.

The outlook is bleak, according to Mr George Maine, business development manager at William Press, and outgoing chairman of the Module Constructors Association. "There will be plenty of redundancies in the next few months," there seems little doubt about that".

The fall in the value of orders to less than £2,000m compares with the peak year of 1979 when the orders totalled £2679m, 79 per cent of which went to United Kingdom suppliers. In 1980 the percentage of domestically won orders dropped to 71 per cent, and last year is believed to have fallen a little further to between 65 and 70 per cent.

The new figures are likely to be used as ammunition by the oil companies in their continuing campaign against the North Sea tax regime, which they say is discouraging new developments.

Of the main yards producing offshore production platforms, two — Highland Fabricators' at Nigg, and McDermott's yard at Ardersier — are working on a tension leg platform for Conoco's Hutton field, which will last into next year But the yards at Methil, Hunterston and Loch Kishorn, all in areas of high unemployment, face an uncertain future when work runs out in the next few months.

Industry sources say that the crunch will probably come in the late summer. The one bright spot are the platform orders for British Gas' Morecambe Bay and Rough field developments, which are expected to be placed soon. The Morecambe development overall could be worth £1000m.

Hopes rise for overseas expansion in Britain

US companies ready to invest

By Peter Hill, Industrial Editor

Several big United States companies are considering further investment in Britain. Encouraged by the progress on the industrial front over the past two years, a number of companies are considering expansion while others may make their initial investment.

Britain remains the second choice for foreign investment by United States companies after Canada. The book value of the investment is estimated at £28,000m.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Industry Secretary, who has recently returned from a visit to the United States promoting the United Kingdom as a location for manufacturing investment, especially in the high technology sector, is optimistic.

Companies said to be considering new investment include American Can, Alcoa, Raytheon and Pitney-Bowes all of which have existing United Kingdom facilities. Tandem Computers is a company which may establish itself in Britain.

The Industry Department is keen to build on the already significant base of United States investment — there are 1,000 United States companies with plants in Britain —, and although hopeful of securing additional spending was recently given a setback to its hopes.

Bristol-Myers, a New York-based company producing pharmaceutical and toiletry goods, had been negotiating with officials from the Invest in Britain Bureau and with local development agencies in Clwyd, north Wales. The company had short-listed sites at Wrexham and another in the Netherlands for a plant producing a powdered milk substitute.

The company which already facilities in the United Kingdom and planning another development in the north east is to build the £7m plant in Holland.

Mr Jenkins's confidence is based on talks he had with United States banker and industrialists.

"They see this country as pulling itself round and at last heading in the right direction and having come through the recession with managers being able to manage, productivity being sharply increased and pay moderation", he said.

The Industry Secretary said that the United States business community recognise the improvements which had been made in overall levels of efficiency, reducing overmanning and improving production methods and were aware of a new mood of realism at all levels of industry.

Sales fall but profits rise at Pergamon

By Drew Johnston

Pergamon Press, the printing and publishing group privately owned by Mr Robert Maxwell's family trusts, has annouced an increase in pretax profits from £4.5m to £5.7m for the year to December 1981.

The results, which do not include Pergamon's share of the losses at British Printing and Communications Corporation, show that profitability almost doubled — from £3.7m to £6.99m — in the group's publishing business. But losses in the other two main activities, printing and dealing in securities, increased; printing from a loss of £262,000 to £621,000, and dealing to a loss of £661,000 from a profit of more than £1m last time. Sales were down to £71m from £110m.

BPCC, in which Pergamon has a 77 per cent stake, announced last week that it had slashed last year's £11.26m loss to a loss of only £1.22m for the year to January 2, 1982. In the second half, BPCC recorded a £6.9m profit, though it also received £3.25m from Pergamon in return for using its tax losses to offset against Pergamon's profits. Pergamon said further substantial payments will be made to BPCC in respect of its 1982 profits.

Pergamon's results include a 40 per cent share of closure costs amounting to £1.2m from two subsidiaries of its associate company Thomson Printers.

It said measures have been taken to eliminate losses from its printing division companies

Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman, said a dramatic improvement in publishing profits had been achieved in spite of the continued world recession, "and after charging approximately £600,000 on the group's expenses in the fields of electronic publishing, computerized information storage and retrieval and related activities."

He said that during 1981 his group spent £10m on buying the majority in BPCC, £1.6m on trade investments and £2m on capital equipment.

Trucks market may be set for recovery

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Britain's badly depressed market for new trucks is showing strong indications of an upturn, with the leading manufacturers predicting a rise in sales of between 20 and 30 per cent compared with 1981.

The increasing business may not be sufficient, however, to restore profitability to a sector which has experienced one of its worst periods of declining demand. Sales of heavy lorries in the United Kingdom plummeted last year to their lowest level for 40 years.

Latest figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders show that a steady, but gradual, recovery is now under way with sales in the first quarter of all commercial vehicles totalling 58,819, a 7.6 per cent rise on a year earlier.

Confirmation of a market revival has come from ERF, the country's last remaining independent heavy truck maker, which is confident of a slow build up in output as demand increases.

Mr John Bailey, sales and marketing director for ERF, said that 50 per cent of the company's output up to August had been sold to United Kingdom customers.

The company is hoping to return to profitability by the end of the year following its decline to a pre-tax loss of £4.26m in the year to April, 1981.

John Bailey: export drive

Mr Bailey is now directing a new ERF export drive to reduce the company's dependence on the United Kingdom market and by concentrating on African and Middle East markets there are now hopes of boosting this to 30-35 per cent within the next three years.

On the home front, ERF is battling not only with the big manufacturers like BL and Ford, but also with a growing tide of imports.

The March success story was claimed by Ford which took more than a third of sales in each of the commercial vehicle sectors.

TV group may have to pay rent refunds

By Our Commercial Editor

A leading television rental company could soon be faced with refunding considerable sums to customers whose rentals have been increased. The Office of Fair Trading is investigating 17 rental companies which it believes have increased rentals without authority.

Two years ago, after Mr Gordon Borrie, Director General of the OFT, first started investigating complaints about television rental increases, the focus was on two other large rental companies and refunds of more than £500,000 were made. If the refunds had not been made the companies stood to lose their licences as credit traders since Mr Borrie can revoke such licences.

The problem arises where rental agreements do not stipulate that the rental company may increase the rental during the life of the contract, usually three years. Complaints are that companies have written to customers giving notice of increases, usually in line with inflation, without offering any other option.

The OFT believes that if a rental company wants to change the terms of the rental contract, a customer should be allowed the option of terminating the contract. In the earlier investigations by the OFT, which involved seven companies, some clarified their contracts.

One problem is that some customers do not study contracts carefully. Even when customers have challenged proposed increases, some companies have still misled them by saying the company was empowered to act under the Control of Hiring Order. An authority under the order has to be secured when rental increases are sought but that does not affect customers' rights under their individual rental agreements.

Mr Borrie's investigations of the television rental industry has uncovered other unfair practices by some small rental companies on which the OFT has taken action.

Cable TV survey ordered

By Bill Johnstone
Electronics Correspondent

The Cabinet Office is to contribute financially to another report on cable television.

The BBC, BICC, and European telecommunication authorities through the Eurodata Foundation are among the other organizations which contributed to the study entitled "Cable Television Communications in Western Europe."

This latest study is being prepared by CIT Research and Communications Studies and Planning of London and its findings are to be published in October at the same time as the Government is expected to respond to the report on cable systems published on March 22 prepared for the Cabinet Office by the Information Technology Advisory Panel.

The Advisory Panel report which was funded by 21 different organizations interested in a range of opportunities offered by cable television favoured the Government giving early approval for cable television systems in Britain which would provide about 30 channels of which 20 would be devoted entirely to entertainment.

The CIT study which will be carried-out in Britain, West Germany, France, the Netherlands and Belgium, will devote 30 per cent of its $500,000 budget to consumer research

New plans for private steel units

By Our Industrial Editor

New proposals for rationalization of the private sector of the United Kingdom steel industry will be submitted to ministers within the next few months and they seem likely to take up most of the £22m being provided by the Government to promote restructuring.

The £22m allocation was announced last December and money will be made available in the form of grants which will be paid out on the basis of schemes which reduce capacity in line with EEC Commission rules.

Eight companies have so far applied for assistance under the scheme covering a total of 14 separate projects.

Applications under the scheme have to be made by the end of September.

Since the introduction of the scheme, the Department of Industry has commissioned consultants to make detailed studies of the companies involved in production of cold rolled strip and bright bars.

Action on their recommendations is likely to swallow up a considerable part of the £22m allocation but it is thought unlikely that the Department of Industry will be able to persuade the Treasury to make additional funds available.

However, ministers have not ruled out the possibility of promoting further restructuring.

Buying confidence lifts demand for new homes

By Rupert Morris

A significant increase in confidence among house-buyers, and a consequent rise in demand for private new housing is revealed by the House-Builders' Federation's latest quarterly *State of Trade Enquiry*, today.

More than half the housebuilders surveyed reported an increase in interest among first-time buyers, and among owner-occupiers. This represents a substantial improvement over the final quarter of 1981 when only 10 per cent of reported increased interest.

About 57 per cent of housebuilders plan to increase starts this year, while only 9 per cent expect fewer starts. The previous quarter showed 31 per cent of companies planning to increase starts, while 29 per cent expected a fall.

There will be more jobs in housebuilding this year, according to the survey, in which 51 per cent of companies expect to increase on-site employment, with 21 per cent expect an increase of 10 per cent or more.

Most companies expect margins to be maintained or improved, indicating that house prices have stabilized, according to the Federation.

Textiles stay gloomy

By Our Financial Staff

The British textile and clothing industry is a long way from recovery, according to the latest, and more than usually gloomy, quarterly review from the Textile Statistics Bureau.

Even improved domestic demand has only increased the volume of imports, the review says.

The seasonally adjusted index of textile production is estimated to have fallen marginally in the last quarter of 1981, finishing 2 per cent below the previous year's level.

The number employed in cotton and allied textiles in December 1981 was 4,400 fewer than in September, and 23,000 fewer than in December 1980 — equivalent to a 6.5 per cent decline over the year.

The trading deficit in textiles and clothing widened sharply from £110m in the fourth quarter of 1980 to £264m in the same period of 1981.

THE WEEK AHEAD

RTZ faces big setback

LONDON EXCHANGE

FT Index 560.3 down 1.0
FT Gilts 66.76 down 0.35
FT All Share not available
Bargains 16,052
Thursday's close

Both Bank of Scotland and Taylor Woodrow should show a comfortable advance in taxable profits with finals due this week, but there is certain to be a big profits setback for mining giant Rio Tinto Zinc.

At the half way stage, pre-tax profits fell 41 per cent to £173m, although the dividend was held, and final results are expected to show a fall from £507m to around £370m pre-tax.

The second half should see some improvement from the metals mining businesses, with CRA, the group's 55 per cent owned Australian subsidiary, likely to benefit from firmer metal prices.

RTZ shares have slipped back from a 1981 peak of 633p to 412p despite the prospects of above average growth in the eighties as a result of higher commodity prices and volume gains from the use of spare capacity, this level is well below the level of the shares at the half-way stage, when most analysts rated them at least as a medium-term buy.

Tight margins in the intensely competitive international construction market should leave Taylor Woodrow with only a slight increase in pre-tax profits from £24.8m to around £26m after the £200,000 advance to £8.36m at the half-way stage.

The value of contracts in June, 1981, was £910m, up 22 per cent on the previous year, but there has been a fall-off in the Middle East and a rapid expansion in Nigeria where state funding instead of international credit could mean delays in settlement.

Profits of £50 to £52m are expected from Bank of Scotland for 1981. This would compare with £43m the previous year. Much of the increase is likely to come from the group's finance house North West Securities whose profits were down in 1980 but improved from £1.7m to £5.1m in the first half of last year on the back of lower funding costs.

First-half profitability was also helped by the strong growth in Bank of Scotland's currency lending.

The 25 per cent rise in the interim dividend was intrepreted by some as a defensive move in case the Monopolies Commission allowed Royal Bank of Scotland to be taken over.

OTHER EXCHANGES

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 7,204 down 25.88
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,206.86 up 19.64
New York: Dow Jones Industrial average 842 up 6.0
Thursday's close

ECONOMIC VIEW

The key factor for the economy this week will be development over the Falklands. Provided negotiation seems a more likely path than warfare, the authorities will have a much better chance of stabilizing sterling without a rise in interest rates.

In terms of statistics, today brings the central governing borrowing requirements for March a figure that should have been helped by the collection of more back-tax owing from last summer's civil servant's dispute. Tomorrow sees how the building societies fared in the month March of National Savings. Thursday brings the February industrial production figures, which will be looked at for signs of recovery after the weather, affected figures for December and January

Also that day come the full banking and money supply figures for the month to mid-March, the point of interest here will be the extent of the rise in the bank lending to the private sector.

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY — Interims: Ceda Investment Trust, Equity Income Trust, Peters Stores. FINALS: Bank of Scotland, Barton Group, Dufay Bitumastic, Milnet Holdings, Northern Engineering.
TOMORROW — Interims: Adwest, Ingall Industries, News International, Oil and Gas Production. FINALS: Air Call, Alva Investment Trust, Anchor Chemicals, Aquascutum, Barrow Hepburn, Bifurcated Engineering, Blackwood, Hodge, Bruntons (Musselburgh), Burmah Oil, I. J. Dewhirst, Walter Duncan and Goodricke, Greenbank Industries, Hambro Life, Helene of London, Hewden-Stuart Plaint, J. B. Holdings, Lyle Shipping, Midland Industries, Pearl Assurance, Renown Inc., United Ceramic Distsributors, Wilson (Connolly).
THURSDAY — Interims: Kalamazoo, Martonair. Finals: Aberthaw and Bristol Channel Portland Cement, Anglo American Trust, Beauford Group, Bestwood Co, Clyde Petroleum, Feb International, Dowding and Mills, General Scottish Trust, T C Harrison, FJC Lilley, London and Holyrood Trust, London and Provincial Trust, London Brick, Morgan Crucible, Wm Morrison Supermarkets, Neil and Spencer, Rio Tinto-Zinc, Rowan and Boden, Taylor Woodrow.
FRIDAY — Interims: Berry Trust, Linread. Finals: Horace Cory.

Robinson's plans £1.5m baby food drive

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

A new battle in the £110m baby food market is about to break out. Robinson's, part of Reckitt & Colman, is preparing to re-launch a reformulated and extended dry baby food range in the summer Promotional spending will jump from £250,000 last year to £1.5m this and production capacity at Robinson's Norwich factory is being increased by 30 per cent.

Robinson's invented baby food with dry ingredients in the last century. — Queen Victoria used the company's groats and barley — but has faced a rearguard action ever since.

In the £41m meal and dessert sector — the rest of baby foods are accounted for by milk-based products — Heinz is no clear market leader with 40 per cent market share by value, with Robinson's at just under 20 per cent.

The Heinz formula to attract mothers was fully prepared baby foods, known as the wet sector with the foods packaged in cans and jars. Gerber added to the competitive drive of the wet products but pulled out of the British market in 1979, mainly to Heinz's advantage.

The dry sector was driven back to barely half the market by volume. But technological advances now mean a company like Robinson's can produce dry formulations which produce baby foods close to the wet products in texture and taste, claims Mr Roger Munby, marketing director of Reckitt's food and wine division.

From 52 per cent in 1979, the dry sector has now gone to 60 per cent of the baby food market by volume. That is 44 per cent market share by value, reflecting the traditionally higher prices of the fully prepared products.

But Robinson's has also been at bay in the dry sector. West Germany's Milupa has seized 40 per cent of the market in a decade.

Heinz also started marketing a dry range that now accounts for another 15 per cent. A similar market share has been secured by Boot's own label dry baby foods.

That has left Robinson's with 30 per cent of the dry market compared with its 75 per cent share in 1974 when Milupa made its first forays into Britain.

Now Mr Munby has his sights on pushing Robinson's share of the dry market to 40 per cent, probably during the next year.


Munby: he aims for 40 per cent of the market

BUSINESS NEWS/FOCUS AND COMMENT

INTERNATIONAL



UNITED STATES

The biggest sale of Federal oil and gas drilling rights in the United States history will take place in Alaska in Fairbanks on May 26 when bidders will be offered 10-year leases on 212 tracts totalling 3.5 million acres. The first sale last January involved 59 tracts covering 1.5 million acres.

● General Motors workers' narrow acceptance of a 2½-year concessions package may not be able to save the top American car maker from further labour trouble because it is launching fresh efforts to obtain further concessions at many of its plants.

JAPAN

Japanese private sector machinery orders, excluding ships, rose 30.6 per cent in Febuary to a seasonally-adjusted 747,000 yen (£1,674.15m) from 572,000 yen in January, when they fell 6.2 per cent from December.

●Japanese corporate bankcruptcies in fiscal 1981, which ended last month, fell 4.5 per cent to 17,397 from a record 18,212 in fiscal 1980, but this was the third highest annual total.

●Mitsubishi Motors announced it would provide information on controlling parts inventories and production, using industrial robots, to Chrysler Corporation of the United Stated.

●Nissan Diesel Motor Co. has concluded a long-term contract to supply American Motors Corporation with diesel engines from mid-1982.

SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia could announce a cut in its oil production ceiling of 500,000 barrels a day this week to help Nigeria hold the Opec pricing line, according to the *Middle East Economic Survey*.

ITALY

Italy had a trade deficit of 2,931,000m lire (£1,260.6m) in February, compared with deficits of 1,510,000m lire in January and 1,530,000m lire a year earlier.

Target for Sunday: that elusive reader in the middle

MARKETING AND ADVERTISING

By Torin Douglas

Fleet Street is on the verge of another circulation and advertising battle. Hard on the heels of the bingo war and the skirmishes in the colour supplement market comes the launch of the first national Sunday newspaper for 21 years.

The *Mail on Sunday*, a sister paper for the *Daily Mail*, is to be launched in less than three weeks' time, on May 2, and all the signs are that its birth — and the response this will provoke from rival papers — will become a big news event in its own right.

Already readers of the *Daily Mail* are being encouraged to sign up with their newsagent to ensure they get their copy of the newspaper. As an incentive, they are being offered a hefty discount — for the first six weeks they can buy it for the same price as the *Daily Mail* —17p — a saving of 11p on the Sunday's cover price.

Within the first two weeks of the offer, over 150,000 *Mail* readers had put in their orders and John Winnington-Ingram, managing director, is confident that by the day of the launch the newspaper will have more than 300,000 *Mail* readers safely under its belt.

The rest of the £3m advertising and public relations campaign is just beginning. Television commercials and posters are telling people that *The Mail on Sunday* is on its way, and over the next three weeks there will be any number of television programmes and radio interviews featuring Winnington-Ingram and Bernard Shrimsley, editor, as Associated Newspapers brings to a head its campaign to ensure that everyone in the target market is aware that a new Sunday paper is to be born.

For the advertising industry, the launch of any major new publication is an event, but this particular paper has greater goodwill going for it than most. Advertisers love a winner and the *Daily Mail* has been a success in anybody's terms since its relaunch as a tabloid in 1971.

The advertisement business would like to see this success recreated on a Sunday, not least because for many years there has been a monopoly in the middle of that market. Only one paper has been available to advertisers between the Sunday qualities and the populars (or the "haughties" and the "naughties" as the *Mail on Sunday's* advertising agency, Saatchi and Saatchi Garland Compton, has dubbed them in its trade advertising). That is the *Sunday Express*, which though highly successful over many years is now felt by many advertisers to be unfashionable, with an aging readership. (In fact, the *Sunday Express's* readership profile is very similar to that of the *Daily Mail*, which only goes to show how advertisers are as susceptible to images as the rest of us.)

'Already advertisers have booked more than £2.25m of display advertising with the paper, and that is without even having seen a dummy issue'

Most advertising agencies are confident that the *Mail on Sunday* will do well. "I'd be very surprised if it didn't do very well", says John Mallows, the media director of Young & Rubicam. "The *Daily Mail* is a superb editorial product and we look forward to that standard and style being carried across to the middle ground on Sundays."

Already advertisers have booked more than £2.25m of display advertising with the paper, and that is without even having seen a dummy issue since editor Shrimsley, even at this late stage, is keeping his editorial product firmly under wraps.

Since the paper's display revenue target is just £6m with a further £2m budgeted for classified revenue, the *Mail on Sunday* is already well on its way to profitability. However, there is all the difference in the world between winning advertising on trust for the early issues of a newspaper — all new publications can sell out their first issues, on curiosity value alone — and sustaining a regular income once that initial interest has died down.

The Mail on Sunday is aiming for an initial circulation of 1.25 million, of which it would like 60 per cent to be in the ABC1 socio-economic groups. It has based its advertising rates on this supposition and advertising agencies reckon that on these costings it offers a very attractive buy.

Everything depends, however, on whether it can achieve this circulation and this is by no means certain. In the *Mail on Sunday's* favour is the fact that 9½ million people never read a Sunday paper, and many of these read the *Daily Mail* during the week. The supposition is that if there were a paper they felt at home with on Sunday — ie. a Sunday version of the *Mail* — they would buy it.

On the other hand, rival newspaper publishers are by no means convinced that there really is room for an extra paper, either in readership or in advertising terms. One problem in going for the middle ground, is the fact that the competition comes from all the other papers in the market, and not just one sector.

For months, the other Sundays have been gearing themselves up for the launch of the new paper with, inevitably, the *Sunday Express*, as the paper which has most to lose, in the forefront.

While the *Mail on Sunday* has said little about its editorial plans, the *Express* is quite open about its editorial strategy, which centres on its colour magazine, since this is a feature the new paper lacks.



A number of series are planned by the magazine, which has a new editor, Ron Hall, who formerly edited *The Sunday Times Magazine*. Foremost among these will be the serialisation of Robert Lacey's biography of the Princess of Wales.

The magazine will also be used to give colour treatment to a number of big stories breaking this summer — the visits of the Pope and of President Reagan, the World Cup, the royal baby — and *Express* executives believe this will give them a real edge over the *Mail*.

Associated Newspapers thought long and hard about whether to launch a colour magazine with the new paper. The only two Sunday newspapers to increase their circulation last year were the two that launched colour magazines — the *Express* and the *News of the World*.

"We might launch one later," says Winnington-Ingram, "but so far we have not found a way of doing it economically. In addition to which, the other colour magazines were launched primarily as a way of boosting the circulation of their parent papers and we are confident we shall sell every copy we can print without any need for that."

This is not such a reckless boast as it might seem. The fact is that finding sufficient production capacity has been one of the new paper's biggest problems and Associated is unlikely to be able to print more than 1½ million copies even if it wanted to.

The reason is that for many years Associated Newspapers has printed the *Sunday People* on contract for Mirror Group Newspapers. It has now persuaded *The People* to move its production into a single building, leaving plant free for the *Mail on Sunday*, but it has been a real squeeze. For the first 13 weeks of the paper, when circulation is bound to be abnormally high as readers sample the new paper, it has acquired extra capacity in Manchester.

This will mean it can print up to 2 million copies if necessary, but only as a short-term measure.

Running out of copies, of course, is a problem most publishers would like to have but not everyone believes it is a problem that will affect the *Mail on Sunday*. "I think it may well have a difficult time" says Tony Gatward, associate media director of the Lintas agency.

"There seems to be a feeling that it may only get a circulation of around 1 million, of which some 300,000 might be new purchasers, with 700,000 being syphoned away from the *Sunday Express*, the qualities and the populars."

"The real unknown is the large group of *Daily Mail* readers who do not currently take a Sunday paper. Will a new paper motivate them? It may well not."

Business Editor

Uncertainties ahead

If the present round of diplomatic manoeuvring brings the United Kingdom and the Argentines to the negotiating table without blood being shed, it should provide financial markets with at least some comfort this week.

But the opening of negotiations over the future of the Falklands would not, of course, do more than lighten the clouds at present overhanging markets. For a start there would be no automatic guarantee that the talks would run smoothly. And then, even if agreement were concluded, it is still far from clear that the eventual terms would be adequate to secure the Prime Minister's future.

In short, markets face some awkward weeks ahead. But provided we can expect talking rather than fighting, the authorities will presumably be all out to resist a rise in interest rates — unless, perhaps, it becomes clear that United States rates have nowhere to go but upwards.

Auction houses Hard lessons

The two quoted fine art auction houses finally came down to earth with a bump last week. Christies International announced a sharp fall in profits, and Sotheby Parke Bernet confirmed that it is having major structural problems which will lead to a trading loss in the current year ending in August.

The reassessment of this rarified sector of the stock market has come rather late in the day since it is only in the last few months that it has become apparent that the international fine art market was not as resilient as it had earlier looked.

For most of its five year life as a publicly quoted company, Sotheby's standing has gone from strength to strength with all the attendant publicity surrounding the mega-sales — Mentmore Von Hirsch, the Henry Ford II impressionist collection, the Leonardo da Vinci Codex and so on.

The investment case, which pushed Sotheby's share price up from its 150p public launch to well over 500p before troubles set in, was based on London's dominance in the international market and the commanding position the two British names occupied in the market. In addition, in a period of rising inflation, the auction houses appeared to have a built-in cushion, with their income rising in line with the steady increase in art prices.

At the same time the two houses seemed to be heading for a big jump in profits as the fruits of an aggressive overseas expansion started to ripen. And they were free from the sort of industrial daily problems, like labour disputes and working capital requirements with which manufacturing industry has had to grapple.

So what has gone wrong? For both the houses, one of their major headaches has been if not the collapse of the international art market at least a much quieter phase than at the end of the 1970s. By their very nature the big sales are lumpy and there have been none of the really big auctions which have helped profits in earlier years. That has forced both groups back to their bread and butter business at the medium and small end of the market at a time when increasing competition in the whole market has also led them into a commission war.

The difficulties have been most acute across the Atlantic where both Christies and Sotheby's have spent heavily to cash in on what they rightly identified at the time as a boom in the North American market. But for the past year high United States interest rates have pulled the rug from under this market.

What has become apparent in the world's salerooms has been the marked emphasis of buyers on quality while there has still been a tendency for vendors to gum up the works by setting unrealistically high reserve prices.

On top of the problems in the whole market, Sotheby's has been afflicted by character defaults of its own. Last week's management changes underlined what has been apparent both inside and outside the company, namely that the commercial voice has increasingly been pushed into the wilderness. That was fine while the chairman was a business-getter like Mr Peter Wilson, but with his retirement the group could no longer rely on getting an increasing market share.



Mr Gordon Brunton who becomes non-executive chairman of Sotheby's.

In the middle of a big expansion programme — new salerooms in New York, growth in warehouse capacity and increasing staff numbers cost £13m in two years — Sotheby's suddenly found its costs and revenues lines running in opposite directions.

The question now is whether effective action has been taken in time, or whether the long rumoured bid, perhaps from the United States, will presage the new management having the headroom to put new ideas into action. But the real lesson for the two houses over the past year, which has also seen how far they have allowed themselves to become separated from the market with all the bickering over the buyers' premium, is that there is at the end of the day no difference between the international art market and any other market. The sooner the two houses recognize this, the better they will be able to adapt to new circumstances.

MARKETS ROUND-UP

Tax cut hopes and optimism for economy boost prices

■ WALL STREET: The Stock Market continued to move upward last week, closing at 842.94, a rise of 4.37 points for the week. The Dow Jones industrial average has been climbing steadily in recent weeks, advancing 36 points since March 22 in spite of the weak United States economy, high interest rates and poor prospects for first quarter corporate earnings.

Analysts attribute the rise to a more positive attitude by investors to the economic situation and are acting on the belief that President Reagan's projected tax cuts will stimulate the economy and that inflation is under control. Some investors do not, of course, agree.

They regard the present rise in stock prices as a bear market rally that will run out of steam about the 840 mark unless interest rates fall rapidly. But, the more optimistic note that although the Dow hit 840 last week there was still demand for equities.

Investors are likely to be further heartened this week by news, announced when the markets were closed for Easter, that the money supply rose only $900m (£505m) for the latest reporting week. That rise, lower than had been anticipated, is interpreted to be that the Federal Reserve Bank has the nation's money supply under control and will not have to tighten its policy, a fact that could lead to lower interest rates in the coming months.

Much of the activity on the market last week was attributed to increased participation by cash-right insurance companies, bank trust departments and other institutional investors.

Last week's trading was marked by the second biggest block trade in the history of New York Stock Exchange. Goldman Sachs handled the block of 4.5 million common shares of Houston Industries at 18⅞. A block of newly issued stock went mostly to institutions and its price of $94,937m made it the third biggest in dollar volume ever traded.

The strength of the market was also fuelled by heavy foreign buying particularly by British investors, technology stocks which had been under pressure in recent weeks, continued to rally. Texas Instruments rose 1⅞ points to 84⅞ and Motorola was up 1⅜ points to 61⅛.

HONG KONG: In a two and a half day trading week, the market closed 10 points up, with the Hang Seng Index finishing at 1206.

Hongkong Land and Cheung Kong, reported net profits of HK$1,430m (£133m) and HK$1,390m (£129m) respectively. Marking year-on rises of 134 per cent and 97 per cent.

SINGAPORE: The market suffered in favour of gold trading last week as the Falklands crisis prevented an expected rally. Traders also stayed away because of the long weekend. Volume dropped to between two and four million shares daily from the previous week's high of seven million. The week closed at 736.30, only 2.4 points up from the previous week. Brokers hope for further strengthening of the market this week, as heavy profit taking, has probably run its course.

MELBOURNE: Australian stock exchanges entered the Easter break with leading indices slipping marginally from the levels achieved in Wednesday's technical rally.

The All Ordinaries Index dropped 1.7 points, or 0.3 per cent, to 468.9, while the 50 leaders fell two points, or 0.4 per cent, to 424.1. The two indices rose 1.5 per cent, and 2 per cent in what market observers describe as a response to the Falklands dispute.

The metals and minerals index recorded the biggest decline of the leading indices with a fall of four points, or 1.1 per cent, while the all resources dropped 2.9 points and the all industrials lost 0.2 points.

Turnover in Melbourne was $A6.48m in a shorter three-hour trading session. Trade at the Melbourne Stock Exchange will resume on Wednesday.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	13%
Barclays	13%
BCCI	13%
Consolidated Crds	13%
C. Hoare & Co	*13%
Lloyds Bank	13%
Midland Bank	13%
Nat Westminster	13%
TSB	13%
Williams & Glyn's	13%

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000 10¼%. £10,000 up to £50,000 11%, £50,000 and over 11½%.

The Over-the-Counter Market

Capitalisation £000's	Company	Last Price	Change on week	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E Actual	P/E Fully Taxed
1,283	Ass Brit Ind Culs	129	−1	10.0	7.8	—	—
4,226	Airsprung Group	73	—	4.7	6.4	11.6	16.0
1,100	Armitage & Rhodes	44	−1	4.3	9.8	3.7	8.3
12,159	Bardon Hill	199	−2	9.7	4.9	9.7	11.8
1,325	CCL 11% Conv Pref	106	−1	15.7	14.8	—	—
4,720	Deborah Services	61	−1	6.0	9.8	3.0	5.7
3,984	Frank Horsell	125	—	6.4	5.1	11.3	23.1
11,124	Frederick Parker	77	+1	6.4	8.3	3.9	7.5
996	George Blair	54	+1	—	—	—	—
3,899	Ind Prec Castings	96	−1	7.3	7.6	6.9	10.4
2,592	Isis Conv Pref	108	−1	15.7	14.5	—	—
2,454	Jackson Group	97	—	7.0	7.2	3.1	6.9
15,872	James Burrough	115	—	8.7	7.6	8.4	10.6
2,468	Robert Jenkins	242	−2	31.3	12.9	3.4	8.6
3,180	Scruttons "A"	63	−1	5.3	8.4	9.7	9.0
3,881	Torday & Carlisle	159	—	10.7	6.7	5.1	9.5
2,855	Twinlock Ord	13½	−½	—	—	—	—
2,184	Twinlock 15% ULS	80	+½	15.0	18.8	—	—
3,815	Unilock Holdings	25	—	3.0	12.0	4.5	7.6
10,013	Walter Alexander	79	−1	6.4	8.1	5.2	9.2
5,368	W. S. Yeates	230	+1	14.5	6.3	6.0	12.0

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COMMODITIES

Copper cuts push prices up

A watershed in the gloomy metal markets was the news last week that Phelps Dodge, the second largest copper producer in the United States, was closing mines until at least the end of May. While smaller producers of the metals have been cutting production and laying off workers for several months, this is the first recorded time recently that such a major producer has closed mines completely. Copper prices rose sharply as a result.

Blame lies with the low level of economic activity worldwide in the motor, construction and capital goods industries. World industrial production fell by ½ per cent in 1980, and rose only ½ per cent last year.

While the London Business School, with other economic groups, is forecasting an improvement this year — 1 per cent — this is not likely to materialize until the second half of the year.

In the 1976-77 copper slump the production cuts were nowhere near as sharp as they are now. Dean Witter Reynolds estimate that the United States copper industry is operating at only 55 to 60 per cent of capacity.

Copper producers cannot afford to hold on for the better times that may be over the horizon — they are losing too much money. Smith Barney, Harris Upham put Phelps Dodge's bread-even price at about 85 cents a pound — United States producers now get only 74 cents a pound. Phelps Dodge is, therefore, expected to report quarterly losses of 50 cents to $1 a share in the first and second quarters, making a loss for the full year against profits of $3.12 last year.

Last week, Hudson Bay Mining and Codelco announced closures. But foreign producers, such as Chile, Peru, Zambia and Zaire have yet to curtail the production significantly.

Unhappily for so many of the producers, there are equally bad markets for the byproducts such as gold, silver and molybdenum.

Sally White

BROKERS' VIEWS

A way to bottle up recession

Recession-proof: that is the view of Metal Closures taken by brokers Hoare Govett. A steady rise in profits and dividends is expected over the next couple of years, after the group's rationalizations, capital spending, new products lines and strategic acquisitions.

Historically, Metal Closures, which makes bottle tops and other closures as well as flexible packaging and injection moulding, has proved adept at adjusting to recession.

Habitat-Mothercare is recommended as a "buy" by both Phillips & Drew and Rowe & Pitman. Forecasts of this year's pretax profit from the two brokers differ, with Rowe & Pitman £2m lower this year at £10m.

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Rediffusion is rated a "buy" and Thorn EMI a "buy" for recovery by Spencer Thornton in their review on investment opportunities in the colour television and video rental market.

The Burton Group is being strongly recommended by several brokers, including Sheppards and Chase. Although the company's overall share of the clothing market is less than 3 per cent, it is growing rapidly in very difficult trading conditions.

Sales are 14 per cent up in the first half, with a 19 per cent rise in trading profits. Gearing is improving, and Sheppards estimate pretax profits to rise from £14.5m to £20.5m in 1982 and £23.5m in 1983.

Smith & Nephew is another recommended purchase from Sheppards.

Greenwells have turned their attention to Indonesian LNG production, and recommend switching from Ultramar to Alaska Interstate, and buying Allied Corporation and Cambridge Petroleum. In the British pharmaceutical market, Glaxo is restored to the buying list with 1982 pretax estimates up from 1981's £24m to £32.2m, and steady increases in dividends forecast.

Eurobond prices (yields and premiums)

STRAIGHT DEBT	Price	YtM
Toronto Dominion Bank 15½% 1985	100⅝	14.62
Ford 14⅝% 1985	97⅞	16.49
ICI 11% 1985	95⅞	15.42
Sweden 15⅜% 1985	99⅝	15.33
Continental Illinois 14⅞% 1984	99⅛	14.88
G.M.A.C. 16⅛% 1984	101⅝	15.53
Ford 16% 1984	98⅝	16.82
C.I.B.C. 14⅛% 1984	98⅞	15.18
Wells Fargo 15⅛% 1986	101½	14.86
A.E.D.B. 9⅝% 1984	89½	15.52
I.B.M. World Trade 14⅝% 1985	105⅝	12.68
British Columbia M.F. 17% 1985	105¼	15.62
Elf Aquitaine 8⅞% 1985	82⅞	15.85
Walt Disney 15⅜% 1986	103	14.69
Southern Cal. Edison 16⅞% 1986	105⅞	14.81
Citicorp 16⅞% 1986	104⅞	15.24
World Bank 10⅞% 1987	83⅝	15.16
R.C.A. 15⅝% 1987	98⅝	15.87
Amoco U.K. 13⅞ 1988	92⅞	15.18
Japanese Dev. Bank 15⅞% 1987	103½	14.81
Montana Power 15⅞% 1987	100⅝	14.87
Repsol 11⅞ 1988	85½	15.93
Western Mining 15⅞% 1988	98⅞	15.91
Alcoa Australia 16% 1989	102⅞	15.27
United Biscuits 11% 1990	78	15.93
E.I.B. 16⅛% 1991	104½	15.82
National Westminster 14⅞% 1991	99⅞	14.83
Ontario Hydro 13⅞% 1991	94⅞	14.54
Barclays Bank 8⅞% 1992	71⅞	13.76
Hudson Bay 10% 1994	76	14.30
Dow Chemicals 9⅞% 1994	76⅞	13.90
C.N.A. 15⅞% 1996	96⅞	15.83

CONVERTIBLE BONDS	Conv Price	Prem
Alco Standard 9½% 1994	103½	7.5[illegible]
Beatrice Foods 4½% 1992	82½	21.[illegible]
Eastman Kodak 4½% 1988 (SA)	85½	12.[illegible]
Ford 5% 1988	58	51.[illegible]
Galveston-Houston 8% 1994	124½	−1.[illegible]
INA 6% 1997	151	7.9[illegible]
Lear Petroleum 8% 1989	79	431[illegible]
Morgan J.P. 4½% 1987	106½	2.[illegible]
Revlon 4⅞% 1987	76	16.[illegible]
Sperry Rand 4½% 1988	72½	34.[illegible]
Warner Lambert 4½% 1987	71	46.[illegible]
Xerox 5% 1988	64½	16[illegible]

DEUTSCHMARK ISSUES	Price	YtM
World Bank 9% 1988	99	9.[illegible]
Asian Dev Bank 10% 1990	103⅞	9.[illegible]
Australia 9⅞ 1991	103½	8.[illegible]

FLOATING RATE NOTES	Price	Yld
Lloyds Bank 1983	[illegible]	12.95
B.N.B. 1983	[illegible]	15.17
Standard & Chart 1984	[illegible]	12.97
I.B.J. 1985	[illegible]	13.28
Offshore Mining 1986	[illegible]	15.31
Midland Bank 1987	[illegible]	13.08
Credit National 1988	[illegible]	15.32
G.Z.B. 1989	[illegible]	16.04
Barclays Bank 1990	[illegible]	14.7[illegible]
B.N.P. 1991	100⅝	16.65
Midland Bank 1992	99⅝	15.79
Chase Manhattan 1993	[illegible]	15.81
Nat West. 1994	[illegible]	16.71
Barclays Bank 1995	99⅞	15.89

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited

CAPITAL MARKETS

A jolt for the Bulldog breed

The confrontation with Argentina over the Falkland Islands has dealt a blow to the London capital markets, including the increasingly popular Bulldog bonds.

In fact, Bulldogs — bonds issued in the domestic British market by overseas borrowers — were affected by the pressures of the week to about the same extent as the long end of the gilt market. Falls at the worst were of about £3. Some had falls of only a fraction of a pound.

The number of Bulldog bonds has been steadily increasing, and three have been added this year. Issues in the Euro-sterling market have also increased this year — by four. But it is the Bulldog market that banks have expected to see burgeon, because it offers the rare feature of 20-year plus maturity. There is a queue to be added to the existing 12 states and companies who are represented. Eurobond markets offer only half that term of maturity.

As the maturities are so long, and as issues are in the domestic markets, the Bank of England keeps a tight watch and that is why there has been a waiting list.

Ironically, a number of would-be issuers who turned down their opportunity last year because of the high level of interest rates, had recently indicated that because of the lower rates prevailing they would like to be considered again. The figure which is generally regarded as tolerance level is 14 per cent.

Last week, there was strong demand for the first Japanese convertible bond issue to be traded on the Swiss secondary market. This was the 5¾ per cent Sekisui Homes — the first borrowing by the major Japanese housebuilder on the Swiss capital market. The minimum transaction in trading allowed was Swiss Fr 5,000 against the usual Fr 50,000 allowed for privately-placed bond issues.

While there are short-term fears about further weakness in the Japanese markets, the Government has been making moves that will boost the domestic construction industry. Longer-term the yen levels are expected to improve once dollar interest rates start to fall, and as lower oil prices end the recession boost world demand for Japanese goods again. That is why the Swiss rushed to buy.

WEEKLY LIST OF FIXED-INTEREST STOCKS

Stock	Latest price	Prev. Price
Alb & Wilson 7½ Deb '85-90	65¾	67
All Pty Hldgs 9½ Ln '92-97	64½	66
All Lyons 6½ Deb '87-93	56½	59½*
Do 7¾ Kb '93-98	56½	58*
AB Foods 5½ Ln '87-2002	19½p	20¾p
Assoc Elec 6 '78-83	88*	89¾
Do 6¾ Deb '86-91	62	64¾
BICC 7¾ Deb '90-95	63	63¾
BLMC 6 '98-2003	32½	33
Do 7½ '87-92	46	46½
Do 8 Ln '98-2005	41½	43
BOC Int 5½ Deb '81-86	89¾	89½
Do 9 Tonnage 1988	88½	89
Bank of Ireland 7 Ln '86-91	54	53½*
Barclays Bank 8¼ '86-95	63½*	65*
Barclays Int 7½ '86-91	64½*	66¼
Bass Ltd 3½ Ln '87-92	44	48½*
Do 7¾ '92-97	57	59
Do 8¾ Deb '87-92	66½	72½*
Beecham 6½ Ln '78-83	89	90
Do 8½ Ln '84-94	64	66*
Bibby 10½ Deb '94-99	77	77
Birmid Qual 7½ Ln '87-92	49	49
Blue Circle 7 Deb '88-93	62¼	63½
Do 9 Deb '92-97	68	69¾
Boots 6 Ln '78-83	89	91½*
Do 7¾ '88-93	60	62¾*
Brit Am Tob 7 Ln '82-87	83¾	83¾
Brit Shoe 7 Deb '80-82	99½	99
Brooke Bond 5½ Ln 2003-08	37	37½
Burmah Oil 8½ Ln '91-96	61½	63½
Do 7¾ Ln '81-86	77	78¾
Burton Gp 9½ Ln '98-2003	64	66½*
Cadbury Schweppes 8½ Ln '94-2004	57*	58½*
Coats Patons 4½ Ln 2002-07	33*	35½
Do 7¾ '90-95	78	59¾
Courage 6½ Ln 2004-09	46¾	47¾
Do 8 2nd Deb '89-94	65¾	66½
Courtaulds 6½ Ln '90-95	47½*	49*
Do 7 '82-87	71½*	73½*
Do 7¾ Deb '89-94	61½*	63½*
Debenhams 6½ 2nd Deb	54¾	54¾*
Do 6½ Ln '86-91	57*	59*
Do 7¾ Ln 2002-7	52	57½
Distillers 7½ '88-93	58¾	60½
Dunlop 6½ Deb '85-90	65¾	65¾
English Elec 6 Deb '80-85	81	82
Fisons 6½ '84-89	65½	67
GEC 7½ '87-92	60*	61½
Do 7¾ '88-93	61	64½
Gen Acc 7¾ '92-97	61½	61½
Glaxo 7¾ '85-95	29p	29½p
Glynwed 10½ Ln '94-99	75	74
Grand Met 10 '91-96	69	[illegible]
GUS 5¾ Ln	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do 7½ Ln '83-88	72	71
Do 8½ Ln '93-98	60*	[illegible]
Hawker Sid 7¾ Deb '87-92	64¾	67
Huntley & Palmer 7¾ Deb '90-95	58¾	[illegible]
ICI 5½ Ln '94-2004	41	[illegible]
Do 7½ Ln '86-91	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do 8 '88-93	65	65¾
Imperial Gp 10½ Ln '90-95	73*	73½*
Do 7¾ 2004-09	61*	63*
Initial PLC 8 Ln '88-93	61½	63*
Land Securities 8½ '92-97	60½	64*
Laporte 10½ Deb '94-99	72	74½*
Lewis's Inv Tst 6½ 2nd '85-90	60*	63*
Lucas 7¾ '85-88	77¾	70½
MEPC 8 Ln 2000-05	57	57½*
Metal Box 10½ '92-97	71½*	73½*
Midland Bank 10¾ Ln '93-98	79	80¾
Nat West Bank 9 Ln 1993	70	71¾
Rank Hovis 8½ Ln '91-95	65½	67
Do 6¾ Ln '85-88	63	64*
Reckitt & Col 6¾ Deb '85-90	64½	67¾
Reed Int 7½ Deb '90-95	67½	[illegible]
Rugby Port Cem 6 '93-98	48	[illegible]
Sainsbury (J) 7½ Deb '87-92	64½	[illegible]
Scot Newcastle 5½ Deb	85*	[illegible]
Do 7¾ Deb '89-94	63*	[illegible]
Slough Est 7½ Deb '85-90	68½	[illegible]
Smith (W H) 6½ Ln	34	[illegible]
Spillers 7 Deb '78-83	91	[illegible]
Do 7¾ Deb '84-89	69½	[illegible]
Tate and Lyle 7½ Deb '89-94	57½	[illegible]
Thomson Org 3 Deb '84-94	75½	[illegible]
Do 7¾ '87-92	60	[illegible]
Tilling (T) 8½ Ln '89-94	66½	[illegible]
Tootal 4¾ Perp Deb	32	[illegible]
Do 7¾ Deb '85-90	65	[illegible]
Truman Ltd 7¾ Deb '88-93	64	[illegible]
Turner & Newall 8 Ln '87-92	68	[illegible]
UDS 7½ Deb '85-90	64¾	[illegible]
Do 10½ Deb '89-94	77¾	[illegible]
Unigate 6½ Ln '91-96	51	[illegible]
Do 7¾ Deb '86-91	68	[illegible]
Unilever 6½ Deb '85-88	68¾	[illegible]
Watney 7½ Ln '94-99	61½	[illegible]
Do 8 Ln '90-95	61	[illegible]
Whitbread 7½ Ln '95-99	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do 7¾ Ln '96-2000	56½	[illegible]
CONVERTIBLES		
Adwest 10½ '95-2000	[illegible]	[illegible]
AB Foods 7½ '94-2004	[illegible]	[illegible]
BLMC 7½ '81-87	[illegible]	[illegible]
B.O.C 9¾ 2001-06	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bowater 7 '92-97	[illegible]	[illegible]
Guest Keen 6½ 1985	[illegible]	[illegible]
Imperial Gp 8 '85-90	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ind & Gen 4½ '94-99	[illegible]	[illegible]
MEPC 6½ '95-2000	[illegible]	[illegible]
Midland Bank 7½ '83-93	[illegible]	[illegible]
Romney Tst 4½ '75-95	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tate & Lyle 13 '94-99	[illegible]	[illegible]
Temple Bar 6 '87-91	[illegible]	[illegible]

* Ex dividend

Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, March 29. Dealings End, April 16. § Contango Day, April 19. Settlement Day, April 26.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in Issue for the stock quoted)

INDUSTRIAL

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
14.4m	Elliott B.	84	-6	4.6	5.4	..
10.9m	Ellis & Everard	136	-6	8.8	6.4	18.1
5,237,000	Ellis & Gold	23	-1	2.1	13.3	7.0
2,079,000	Elson & Robbins	21	...	0.1	0.7	..
26.7m	Empire Stores	82	+2	3.6	4.4	7.8
10.3m	Energy Serv	27½	-1	1.1	4.1	10.5
241.5m	Eng China Clay	149	-6	10.3	6.9	8.7
501.3m	Ericsson	£19¾	-½	92.4	4.7	30.3
7,327,000	Erith & Co	77	-2	5.7	7.4	11.0
15.6m	Esperanza	133	-7	9.6	7.2	11.4
191.7m	Euro Ferries	79	-5	4.4b	5.6	6.3
42.0m	Eurotherm Int	367	-20	7.1	1.9	24.0
2,152,000	Eva Industries	23	-1	1.4e	6.2	..
15.1m	Evode Hldgs	95	-1	2.6	2.8	8.1
34.0m	Extel Grp	273	-12	11.4	4.2	13.3

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
5,400,000	FMC	54	-2	2.9	5.3	..
33.6m	Fairview Est	104	● -3	5.7	5.4	3.4
3,636,000	Farmer S.W.	144	-2	13.1	9.1	..
4,184,000	Feedex Ltd	32	-2	1.2	3.8	14.7
51.3m	Fenner J. H.	167	..	12.9	7.7	11.6
19.7m	Ferguson Ind	94	-6	7.9	8.4	12.1
291.4m	Ferranti	683	-7	10.0	1.5	17.1
26.3m	Fine Art Dev	45	-1	4.3b	9.5	5.7
50.5m	Finlay J.	87	-7	6.0	6.8	10.7
——	Finsider	2	..	..	..	..
9,976,000	First Castle	57	-6	3.1n	5.4	17.0
112.2m	Fisons	301	-12	14.3	4.7	28.8
49.0m	Fitch Lovell	74	-1	7.4	10.0	7.8
7,109,000	Fogarty E.	71	-1	5.7	8.1	10.5
——	Ford Mtr BDR	60	..	..	..	2.2
4,111,000	Formiqster	111	..	6.0	5.4	6.9
170.6m	Foseco Min	210	-6	12.7b	6.0	10.4
34.8m	Foster Bros	54	-3	4.8	8.9	5.2
16.0m	Fothergill & H	131	+1	11.1	8.5	14.3
8,004,000	Francis Ind	72	..	7.1	9.9	5.1
97.5m	Freemans PLC	140	-2	5.9	4.2	11.5
4,875,000	French T.	130	-5	8.6	6.6	5.3
48.4m	French Kier	102	-5½	4.9	4.8	7.6
5,896,000	Friedland Doggt	98	-4	7.3	7.8	6.9
23.5m	Galliford	62	-2	3.8	6.1	7.3
1,813,000	Garford Lilley	27½	+½	1.9	7.0	5.7

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
852,000	Marshall T Lox	46	-4	4.0	8.6	4.1
1,958,000	Do A	45	-3	4.0	8.8	4.0
20.5m	Martin News	313	-15	13.9	4.4	6.5
29.9m	Martonair	230	+2	10.9	4.7	13.5
1,180,000	Medminster	59	-5	5.3	9.0	6.3
66.1m	Menzies J.	235	..	5.6	2.4	11.7
169.9m	Metal Box	146	..	16.6	11.3	12.8
5,037,000	Metal Bulletin	115	-5	7.9	6.8	13.6
10.1m	Metalrax	47	● -2	3.4	7.1	9.2
1,783,000	Mettoy	11	..	0.1	1.3	..
38.0m	Meyer M. L.	63	-3	3.1	4.9	..
6,837,000	Midland Ind	53	-3	3.7	7.0	..
5,096,000	Milletts Leis	98	..	9.9	10.1	9.6
31.8m	Mining Supplies	133	-2	2.9e	2.2	15.0
110.8m	Mitchell Cotts Gp	41½	-2	5.2	12.4	11.4
8,753,000	Mixconcrete	94	● -3	5.8	6.2	..
10.1m	Moben Grp	23	..	..n	..	7.7
780,000	Modern Eng	26	..	4.3	16.5	..
47.4m	Molins	162	-6	11.3	7.0	11.1
6,156,000	Monk A.	57	-6	3.9b	6.9	6.4
——	Montecatini	6	..	..	..	..
1,506,000	Montfort Knit	50	+1	1.4	2.9	..
21.8m	More O'Ferrall	133	-3	4.7	3.5	10.7
64.4m	Morgan Cruc	123	-6	10.7b	8.7	5.0
37.5m	Mowlem J.	190	..	12.5	6.6	6.9
10.1m	Muirhead	120	..	4.3	3.6	16.4
25.5m	NCC Energy	71	..	2.5	3.5	..
29.0m	NSS News	170	-6	5.4	3.2	8.9
4,839,000	Neill J.	27	-3	..e	..	..
6,670,000	Newmark L.	225	..	15.7	7.0	5.9
39.0m	News Int	98	-5	5.0	5.1	..
97.7m	Norcros	101	-1½	7.9b	7.8	6.9
5,124,000	Norfolk C Grp	27	-1	0.7	2.6	..
4,770,000	Normand Elec	53	h -1	..e	..	..
178.0m	NEI	87½	-1	5.5	6.3	8.1
329.9m	Nthn Foods	160	-2	7.1	4.5	11.2
116.6m	Notts Mfg	166	-6	6.4	3.9	8.8
87.7m	Nurdin & P'cock	150	-4	3.5	2.3	14.2
6,600,000	Nu-Swift Ind	33	-3	3.1	9.2	17.3

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
10.0m	Ocean Wilsons	38	-6	4.1	10.7	7.3
73.7m	Ogilvy & M	£17¾	+¾	84.3	4.8	11.1

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
7,046,000	Valor	58	-1	3.9	6.7	7.3
17.8m	Vereeniging Ref	350	+25	28.3	8.1	3.5
10.2m	Vibroplant	170	..	20.8	12.2	11.2
115.7m	Vickers	160	+5	17.1	10.7	6.0
——	Volkswagen	£33½	+¼	..	..	..
7,552,000	Vosper	133	-7	1.4	1.1	..
8,227,000	WGI	106	-8	12.0	11.3	..
3,679,000	Wade Potteries	36	-2	2.9	7.9	12.5
3,888,000	Wadkin	81	..	4.6b	5.7	5.9
13.6m	Wagon Ind	69	-2	7.1	10.3	6.5
4,467,000	Walker J. Gold	50	● -1	5.7	11.4	6.2
5,324,000	Do NV	47	● +1	5.7	12.1	5.9
15.5m	Ward & Gold	103	-7	7.9	7.6	7.3
133.0m	Ward T. W.	228	h ..	15.7b	6.9	8.0
19.1m	Ward White	62	-3	6.0	9.7	7.9
2,765,000	Warrington T.	92	-1	7.6b	8.3	7.1
40.4m	Waterford Glass	19	-½	1.8	9.6	8.1
11.3m	Watmoughs	181	● -5	7.8	4.3	8.2
27.0m	Watts Blake	163	-3	5.1	3.1	13.0
18.2m	Wearwell	56	-4	3.9b	7.0	5.1
4,547,000	Websters Grp	38½	+½	3.6	9.3	7.0
14.6m	Weir Grp	58½	-5	2.6	4.5	3.2
15.4m	Do 10% Conv	62	..	2.5	..	..
1,962,000	Wellco Hldgs	16½	-1½	1.4	8.7	6.5
5,256,000	Wellman Eng	40	-4	4.8	12.0	..
56.9m	Westland Air	96	..	10.0	10.4	3.0
——	Wh'lock Mar	55	-2½	..	..	..
1,704,000	Whessoe Watson	6	.	0.1e	1.2	..
13.3m	Whitecroft	67	-2	5.7	8.5	11.6
9,983,000	Whittingham	160	● ..	10.0	6.3	4.3
29.3m	Wholesale Fit	210	-10	6.1	2.9	15.6
6,766,000	Wigfall H.	130	-3	8.6e	6.6	..
6,431,000	Wiggins Grp	98	-9	3.8	3.9	4.3
6,686,000	Willis G. & Sons	111	+14	7.1	6.4	6.2
268.8m	Wimpey G	105	-2	0.9	0.8	16.3
39.0m	W'sley Hughes	371	-5	20.3	5.5	9.2
1,337,000	Wood S. W.	23	-2	..e	..	..
51.7m	Wood Hall Tst	211	h -2	8.9	4.2	..
177.8m	Woolworth	47	-3	6.1	12.9	16.5
11.8m	Yarrow & Co	295	-10	11.6	3.9	..
5,377,000	Zetters	82	-3	3.9	4.8	7.7

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SHIPPING

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
130.5m	Brit & Com	403	..	19.3b	4.8	8.1
65.2m	Caledonia Inv	371	+1	20.0	5.4	24.7
37.1m	Fisher J	163	● -3	3.8	2.3	10.0
7,833,000	Jacobs J. I.	34	● -2	3.3	9.7	14.0
136.3m	Ocean Trans	121	-2	12.9	10.6	6.7
184.3m	P & O 'Dfd'	130	-9	11.4	8.8	8.2

MINES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
293.2m	Anglo Am Coal	£12	..	51.6	4.3	..
1,204.3m	Anglo Am Corp	531	+33	58.4	11.0	..
732.6m	Ang Am Gold	£33½	● +⅛	542	16.2	..
261.2m	Anglo Am Inv	£25⅛	-⅛	504	20.0	..
33.6m	Anglovaal	£19	+1	167	8.8	..
33.6m	Do 'A'	£19	+1	167	8.8	..
389.5m	Asarco	£12½	+¼	42.9	3.5	..
119.7m	Blyvoors	499	+33	108	21.6	..
13.5m	Bracken Mines	97	● +3	15.0	15.5	..
185.6m	Buffelsfontein	£16⅞	-⅛	349	20.7	..
——	CRA	153	+12	..	..	..
216.3m	Charter Cons	210	-3	14.8	7.0	..
727.8m	Cons Gold Fields	391	-3	35.0	9.0	..
745.4m	De Beers 'Dfd'	228	● -1	27.2	11.9	..
71.2m	Doornfontein	£7⅛	..	107	15.0	..
110.6m	Driefontein	£11½	..	170	14.8	..
15.9m	Durban Rood	£6²⁷⁄₃₂	+²⁷⁄₃₂	99.5	14.5	..
2,536,000	East Dagga	68	-4	..e	..	..
25.8m	E. Rand Prop	£4²¹⁄₃₂	-³⁄₃₂	..	..	..
2,842,000	El Oro M & Ex	63	..	3.0	4.8	..
29.3m	Elsburg Gold	97	..	14.3	14.7	..
138.3m	F S Geduld	£13¼	+¼	347	26.2	..
2,823,000	Geevor Tin	95	-5	..e	..	..
661.6m	Gencor	£8⁵⁄₃₂	● +⁷⁄₁₆	96.9	11.7	..
447.1m	Goldfields S.A.	£27⅞	-⅛	272	9.9	..
43.3m	Grootvlei	379	+19	80.2	21.2	..
19.1m	Hampton Gold	137	-2	3.6	2.6	..
——	Harmony	£528	● +533	114	0.2	..
230.3m	Hartebeest	£20⁹⁄₁₆	-¹¹⁄₁₆	407	19.8	..
199.8m	Jo'burg Cons	£27⅞	+1⅛	330	12.1	..
88.9m	Kinross	494	● +12	68.9	13.9	..
380.3m	Kloof	£12⅞	.	161	12.5	..

LEAGUE REVIEW

City are on the receiving end again

Manchester City, beaten 5-0 by Liverpool on Saturday, were on the end of another battering at Molyneux yesterday. John Bond's men were tossed and tormented by a Wolves side playing more like championship contenders than relegation strugglers.

The game was over as a contest in the first 45 minutes when the rampant Wolves scored four times, through Gray, Clarke, Hibbitt and Eves. McDonald scored a second half consolation for City.

Mr Bond revealed afterwards that he had left out Reid, a defender, as a disciplinary measure, after an incident in training on Sunday. Reid was unsettled when he lost his central defensive place to Bond's son, Kevin, recently and had to play in midfield. Mr Bond said: "I still firmly believe Manchester City will be among the top teams next year."

Manchester United took advantage of a day when none of the teams above them was in action to move into fourth place with hard-earned 1—0 win over West Bromwich Albion at Old Trafford. Moran, a defender, scored the sixty-seventh-minute winner.

The big London derby finished with Tottenham winning 3—1 at Arsenal, thanks mainly to two second half goals from Garth Crooks: the real hero was the Argentine, R Villa, who was booed by Arsenal fans, but set up two of the goals.

Sunderland moved off the bottom of the first division with a 2-0 win over Birmingham City. West scored the goals.

Nottingham Forest gained revenge for an early season defeat by neighbours County, winning the return at Meadow Lane. Bowyer gave them the lead, Christie equalized, only for a 19-year-old, Plummer, to head an 83rd minute winner. It was the first time Forest had scored twice in a match since January 9.

Geddis, deputizing for the injured Shaw, proved his worth to Aston Villa, with two goals against Brighton. Evans was Villa's other scorer in a 3-0 win.

Luton Town increased their lead at the top of the second division, beating Norwich City with goals from Stein and Jennings. Nearest rivals Watford, had a Blissett "goal" disallowed, but earned a point on Queen's Park Rangers' artificial pitch, before more than 22,000 spectators.

Gloom lifted at Old Trafford

Manchester U 1 W Brom Alb 0

Manchester United finally won at home, having scored only once in their last five games at Old Trafford. Moran headed the goal in the 67th minute after Stapleton had challenged Albion keeper Grew for a Coppell corner.

In an uninspiring game, Stapleton and McGarvey both had chances before United's winner.

Wolverh'pton W 4 Manchester C 1

Thrashed by Liverpool on Saturday, Manchester City were devastated at Molineux. Relegation-haunted Wolves looked more like a side searching for Europe in a first half which saw them four goals in 17 minutes.

Their best player was the veteran Hibbitt, who opened up the City defence in embarrassing fashion and crowned his performance with a goal from a swerving free kick. Gray, Clarke, and Eves added the others. City tightened up in the second half but all they could muster was a goal in the 76th minute by McDonald.

Sunderland 2 Birmingham C 0

Colin West, a 19-year-old striker who has spent most of the season in the reserves, helped Sunderland off the bottom of the first division with two first half goals. He opened the scoring in the 29th minute after Clarke headed against the bar. His second was set up by a Buckley flick.

Birmingham had the better of the second half, but the nearest they came to scoring was in the 76th minute when McDowell missed an easy chance. They also had Broadhurst Stevenson booked, while Buckley was cautioned for Sunderland.

Luton 2 Norwich 0

Luton extended their lead at the top of the second division with a burst of two goals in three minutes in the second half. The substitution of Moss for Jennings at half-time brought a transformation to their attack. Stein putting them ahead in the 54th minute.

Three minutes later Jennings scored his first goal for the club following a pass from Hill. The attendance of 15,061 was Luton's biggest for a league match this season.

Derby 3 Rotherham 1

Derby were lucky to hold an interval lead but then went 3-0 ahead before Rotherham launched a late counter and scored an 80th minute goal through Seasman. Skivington volleyed Derby's second minute goal from an Emson corner, but Rotherham came back, hitting the woodwork twice and missing a penalty through Towler.

Derby's second half goals came from Attley, after Barton had overlapped on the right, Buckley, put through by George.

BANK HOLIDAY FOOTBALL: TOTTENHAM STAY IN TITLE CONTENTION

Spurs on course to scale that mountain



Kiss of success: Hazard smiles as Crooks scores his second goal.

By Gerald Sinstadt

Arsenal 1
Tottenham H 3

Whatever scepticism there may be in other parts, there was no sign in north London yesterday that Tottenham Hotspur's many-sided ambitions will be self-defeating.

Spurs beat Arsenal at Highbury with a light-footed, imaginative display that gave no hint of a team bewildered by too many targets or burdened by too many fixtures. Arsenal themselves played a full part in an entertaining derby match that was won, as their manager, Terry Neill, readily conceded afterwards, by the better team.

Tomorrow Tottenham will be back at White Hart Lane to receive Sunderland. Three more points then and even Merseyside may cast an anxious eye towards the capital. The task still looks formidable, but the way it is being tackled is undeniably impressive.

Arsenal made at least as many chances as their opponents, but it was Tottenham who contributed the genuine invention and menacing thrusts.

Hoddle, once again in the form that raises World Cup hopes, was at the heart of so much that was both graceful and thrilling. Late in the game, he flicked up the ball with his right foot and wafted a pass with the outside of his left with a nonchalance that would have earned an ovation in Brazil.

Villa was looking for his touch early in the game, but when he found it, in the tenth minute, the outcome was a stunning goal. The Argentine wrong-footed Arsenal's defence with a delicate pass that gave Hazard a couple of yards of room. A quick shuffle across the edge of the penalty area opened the shooting angle and Hazard's left-foot drive flew past Wood.

Arsenal's response was typical. Rix began to produce diagonal passes that Hoddle would not have been ashamed to claim. Talbot, Nicholas and Robson rolled up their sleeves to add effort and stamina, but the finishing touch was lacking. Arsenal's most dangerous moment of the half followed a Meade header that Clemence fumbled. Only some quick closing of ranks prevented an equaliser.

From less possession, though, it was Tottenham who threatened most. Hazard struck a half volley just wide. Hoddle fired in a fierce shot that struck Wood, off balance and stumbling, somehow manage to kick away. Then Hazard's left foot, letting fly from 25 yards, extracted from Wood the best save of the match.

The quality of the second half was equally admirable, with the bonus of three goals in five minutes. Hazard showed a shrewd head in running through an advancing offside trap, and even though Crooks's position was doubtful as he took the pass to score, it was a deserved goal. Within seconds Hawley reduced the margin with a thumping first-time shot from Rix's pass.

Spurs, however, were not to be denied. Roberts opened Arsenal's right flank, Galvin and Villa carried the move sweetly across the penalty area, and Crooks scored his second goal.

Hoddle and Sansom both had good shots well saved, and just as it seemed that the game might dwindle to a quiet close, a woman did for Highbury what Erika Roe did for Twickenham. It was not an afternoon when anyone could have felt justified in asking for his money back.

ARSENAL: G Wood, J Hollins, K Sansom, B Talbot, D O'Leary, C Whyte, R Meade, J Hawley, P Nicholas, S Robson (sub, B McDermott), G Rix.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence, G Roberts, P Miller, P Price, M Hazard, S Perryman, R Villa, G Jones, A Galvin, G Hoddle, G Crooks.
Referee: C Thomas (Mid-Glamorgan)

Chelsea prosper by stealth

By Nicholas Harling

Crystal Palace 0
Chelsea 1

Possession may be nine-tenths of the law but Chelsea enjoyed the one-tenth that counted at Selhurst Park yesterday, beating a fellow London club for the second time in three days.

Queens Park Rangers suffered on Saturday, and this time it was the turn of Crystal Palace, whose defeat left them in the bottom three of the second division and facing the dire prospect of relegation for the second year running.

In front of their biggest home crowd of the season Palace's sense of urgency was apparent from the first minute to the last but so, unfortunately, was their need for a tall striker. Faced by a Chelsea defence which was forced by an injury to Droy to now employ Lee in its centre after two games as an emergency right back, Palace certainly created the chances — to little avail.

Apart from a desire to go for every ball, which caused a couple of collisions with colleagues, Lee excelled in yet another new role. He certainly had the height on his side and his sense of anticipation severely restricted Hilaire's output on the ground.

Surprisingly, on the one occasion Hilaire did escape Lee's attentions it was in the air, to meet a cross from Giles only for Francis to respond with a spectacular flying save. Cannon also frequently reinforced Palace's attack, but it should not have mattered when he was caught out of position when Chivers centred from the right in the 33rd minute. Either Gilbert or Lovell could have dealt with the cross but Walker still managed to score with an easy header, his 50th goal for Chelsea.

The equaliser would have arrived in the 54th minute had Francis not bettered his previous save by reacting smartly to Brook's fierce volley after Giles had headed down Smiley's cross.

Chelsea obviously decided that Palace deserved little of the respect they were being afforded, and were more positive in the second half. Their more adventurous nature had much to do with Fillery's contribution.

As Chelsea found the gaps Palace must have felt some gratitude at least to Mayes, who scorned two more opportunities of adding to their distress.

CRYSTAL PALACE: P Barron; S Lovell, P Hinshelwood, D Price, J Cannon, W Gilbert, D Giles, N Smillie, S Brooke, K Mabbutt, V Hilaire.
CHELSEA: S Francis; G Locke, G Wilkins, M Hutton, G Chivers, C Pates, J Britton, C Walker (sub Canoville), C Lee, A Mayes, M Fillery.
Referee: C A Maskell (Cambridge).

Walker: his 50th goal

Watford content to contain

By Nicholas Keith

QPR 0
Watford 0

Watford took another halting step towards the first division yesterday afternoon. But this shapeless match was a grave disappointment to the 22,000 people who made up the largest League gate of the season at Loftus Road.

Queen's Park Rangers badly missed the guiding influence of Currie, who was suffering from a back injury and hamstring trouble. Roeder tried to fill his shoes but without much success. Rangers' challenge for promotion is not keeping pace with their advance on Wembley and the FA Cup.

It suited Watford to frustrate, contain and use the speed of Blissett and Barnes in breakaways. Blissett had a goal disallowed in the 48th minute for a foul on the goalkeeper and he was at the centre of an incident on the hour which was the main talking point afterwards.

Blissett was brought down from behind by Wicks on the edge of the penalty area after being put clear by Lohman. Afterwards, Terry Venables and Graham Taylor, the two intelligent managers of Rangers and Watford, respectively, had some interesting things to say about this fine example of the "professional" foul.

Mr Venables admitted that he was "glad at the time, although I could not condone it. While the laws are as they are this sort of thing is bound to happen."

Mr Taylor said that managers would soon be recommending the introduction of the 12 yard penalty for such an offence. However, the two managers could throw little light on a game in which the goalkeepers were hardly tested. Dawes, Stainrod and Alan had chances for Rangers; Armstrong, Barnes and Lohman wasted rare opportunities for Watford.

Watford held firm in the crowded centre of the field where the ball bobbled about like a frantic Easter bunny.

The visitors dominated the middle part of the game and Rangers had a shaky period after Blissett had a header disallowed although they came back towards the end.

"There was not a great amount of skill but a lot of effort," Mr Venables confessed. He refused to concede that promotion was now remote. Mr Taylor was pleased that his side had won a valuable point but he was not happy with their finishing.

QPR: P Hucker; W. Neal, I. Dawes, G. Waddock, R. Hazell, G. Roeder, S. Wicks, M. Flanagan, C. Allen, S. Stainrod, C. Micklewhite.
WATFORD: S. Sherwood; P. Rice, W. Rostron, L. Taylor, S. Sims, I. Bolton, N. Callaghan (sub M. Poskett), L. Blissett, G. Armstrong, K. Lohman, J. Barns
Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay)

A day when only tempers flared

By John Nicholls

Aston Villa 3
Brighton 0

Six goals from their two Easter matches may give the impression that Aston Villa are back to their form of last year, but this is far from the case. For most of their match against Brighton and Hove Albion at Villa Park yesterday they struggled to find cohesion against a rugged defence and only two goals in the last five minutes relieved the long periods of boredom.

It was a bad-tempered, niggly sort of game, in which two Brighton players, Nelson and McNab, were cautioned. Nelson was fortunate not to have conceded a penalty when he appeared to pull down Withe. Justice of a sort was seen to be done, however, when five minutes later Withe dispossessed Nelson and crossed for Geddis to head his second goal.

The first came eight minutes into the second half, after an opening period when the two defences were very much on top. Foster got slightly the better of Withe in this period, but as the game wore on it was Withe who appeared better to beat Digweed from close range.

Up to this point Geddis had hardly distinguished himself. Always active and extremely fast, his energies were largely wasted and much of his passing was misdirected or (perhaps more kindly) misunderstood by his colleagues.

The third goal was made to look simple. Cowans took a low, hard free-kick from the left touchline and Evans dashed in to meet it with his head and leave Digweed groping.

How different it might all have been had Robinson scored for Brighton as early as the twenty-sixth minute. He chased after a perfect through ball from Grealish and drove hard at the goal. Not for the first time recently, Rimmer kept a clean sheet by marvellous anticipation and managed to smother the shot. Apart from that, Brighton achieved little, but the final scoreline was decidedly harsh.

ASTON VILLA: J Rimmer, K Swain, G Williams (sub, P Heard), A Evans, K McNaught, D Mortimer, D Bremner, D Geddis, P Withe, G Cowans, A Morley.
BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION: P Digweed, D Shanks, S Nelson, A Grealish, S Foster, S Gatting, G Ryan, A Ritchie, M Robinson, N McNab (sub, G Stille), M Thomas.
Referee: D Webb (Sale)

A seedling thrives at Meadow Lane

By John Clemison

Notts County 1
Nottingham Forest 2

Nottingham Forest avenged their 2-0 defeat at the City Ground in January with a narrow victory over Notts County at Meadow Lane in which they had to score twice — a rare sight this season.

Not since January 9 have Forest scored two goals in a League match and they looked less and less likely to achieve that yesterday. Though they created the bulk of the chances through Roeber, their West German international, neither Fashanu nor Proctor had the room to find the County net.

Seven minutes from time a superb ball from Young found Plummer, who is only 19, and his header beat the despairing Avramovic. The goal made sure of victory for Forest, who now open up a 10 point lead over their city rivals.

Up to that point the two sides were a perfect match in what amounted to a private battle before Meadow Lane's largest crowd of the season.

The weaknesses in both defences were cruelly exposed in an entertaining if at times fustrating first half. Roeber, who was given yards of space to play in, tormented the County defence with every break. His cross after 16 minutes floated over Shilton's head and found Bowyer, who met it at the far post, his header wrong-footing the County goalkeeper.

For all Forest's early success, County were reading the game with more skill. Benjamin and Chiedozie were outflanking the Forest midfield with skilful runs and finely timed passes. It was inevitable that County would draw level.

Their equalizer came from a perfectly weighted ball from Chiedozie after Benjamin had set up the move. Christie took up the play and drove the ball from 20 metres into the back of the net.

After the break the defences settled down, no doubt after sharp words from their managers. Twice McCulloch, who has just been called up to Scotland's under-21 squad, posed problems for Shilton.

The goal that settled the issue came from Forest. Young's cross found Plummer, who was playing only his fifth full game for the club. The youngster steered the ball past Avramovic with hardly a second thought.

NOTTS COUNTY: R Avramovic, T Benjamin, R O'Brien, M Goodwin, D Hunt, P Richards, J Chiedozie, R Harkouk, I McCulloch, T Christie, G Mair
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: P Shilton, V Anderson, S Gray, B Gunn, W Young, I Bowyer, J Roeber, C Plummer, J Fashanu, M Proctor, J Robertson
Referee: G Courtney (Durham)

Wednesday's team can think as well as run

By Leslie Duxbury

Sheffield Wednesday 2
Newcastle United 1

Hillsborough, with its sunny, smiling stand, and ghostly echoes from World Cup games, begs for a first division side, and it might have one here. Manager Jack Charlton's blend of wizardry, energy, and pure grit was perhaps a length too good for Newcastle, one of their rivals in the promotion race.

Though Newcastle scored first, Wednesday put together a recovery operation which, although mainly based on a determination not to deflate the jolly holiday mood of their fans, still provided moments to suggest that the side can think as well as run.

Taylor, an irresistible force of a man, was probably their most influential player, and he personified many of their qualities too, boring forward relentlessly one minute, and the next, exchanging neat, automatic passes. But he was run a close second by Megson, who has red hair and plays to it.

The collective effect was better than the one Newcastle could manage. They were competent, withhout being inspired. Waddle looked racy, occasionally, the willing Varadi did not have much luck, and what little he did have was usually disputed by the likes of Pickering.

Newcastle's goal came in the 14th minute, early enough to curtail the nervous frenzied sparring common to games where the stakes are high. When Barton poked home Waddle's cross from close range Wednesday at least had to dispense with preliminaries like finding their form or sounding out the calibre of the opposition.

But at first their response to the goal was anything but convincing, long balls bursting from the back in the hope that Curran and company might run onto them, which they failed to do. Then, in the 25th minute, Shelton equalized with a simple shot. The winner was a more involved affair just before half-time; five players helping the ball to Pearson, the scorer. And what remained was a ding-dong second half in which Wednesday might have scored again and kept failing to do.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: B Bolder, M Sterland, R Blackhall, M Smith, M Pickering, K Taylor, G Megson, G Shelton, G Bannister, J Pearson, T Curran
NEWCASTLE UNITED: K Carr, J Brownlie, W Saunders, J Trewick, D Barton, S Carney, D Mills, M Martin, I Varadi, P Cartwright, C Waddle
Referee: N Midgley (Salford)

A boost for Ipswich

Ipswich Town's England internationals, Paul Mariner and Terry Butcher, are fit to return to first team action for the first time for over two months. Both have been named in a 14-strong squad for tonight's home tie with West Ham.

Butcher has not played first team football since he sustained a bad nose injury in a cup tie at Luton on January 24. Mariner has been out since February 6, having undergone an achilles operation.

Discussing who may make way for the pair, the manager, Bobby Robson said yesterday: "Nobody is safe and we have got to teach one or two people the importance of being in the first team. We want to find out who really wants to win a championship medal. The title is not all over yet but the most consistent team from now on will win it and that is Liverpool at the moment".

☐ Liverpool will again be without their skipper, Graeme Souness, for their home match with Stoke today. Souness is still under treatment for a back injury.

Kenny Dalglish has shaken off a knock received against Manchester City at Maine Road on Saturday but the manager, Bob Paisley, although expected to field an unchanged side, names a 13 strong squad. He has added David Johnson and Kevin Sheedy to the side which beat Manchester City 5-0.

☐ Neville Southall, the Everton goal-keeper, has recovered from concussion and will be in an unchanged team to visit Coventry today. But Billy Wright, who missed Everton's 3-3 draw with Manchester United on Saturday because of a groin strain, is again absent.

☐ Colchester striker Kevin Bremner will defy a fractured cheekbone to play at Peterborough tonight. Bremner was injured at Bournemouth on Saturday but finished the game.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Second division

BLACKBURN (0) 0 — BOLTON (1) 2: Thompson 2. 11,912
C PALACE (0) 0 — CHELSEA (1) 1: Walker. 17,189
DERBY (1) 3: Skivington, Buckley, Wilson — ROTHERHAM (0) 1: Seasman. 14,600
LUTON (0) 2: Stein, Jennings — NORWICH (0) 0. 15,061
ORIENT (0) 0 — CAMBRIDGE (0) 0. 3,162
QP RANGERS (0) 0 — WATFORD (0) 0. 22,091
SHEFFIELD W (2) 2: Shelton, Pearson — NEWCASTLE (1) 1: Barton. 29,917
WREXHAM (0) 1: Carrodus — SHREWSBURY (0) 0. 6,506

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Luton T	34	20	10	4	65	33	70
Watford	35	18	10	7	58	36	64
Sheffield W	36	18	8	10	48	40	62
Rotherham U	36	17	5	14	52	44	56
Newcastle U	36	16	8	12	43	35	56
Blackburn R	36	15	10	11	40	32	55
QP Rangers	35	16	6	13	46	33	54
Barnsley	35	15	8	12	51	37	53
Norwich C	35	16	5	14	49	46	53
Leicester C	32	14	10	8	44	33	52
Chelsea	35	17	7	13	51	48	52
Oldham A	35	12	13	10	41	41	49
Charlton A	35	12	10	13	45	54	46
Derby Co	35	10	10	15	45	59	40
Bolton W	36	11	6	19	32	47	39
Cambridge U	35	10	8	17	38	41	38
Wrexham	34	10	8	16	33	44	38
Cardiff C	34	11	5	18	37	49	38
Shrewsbury T	34	8	12	14	29	44	36
Crystal Palace	[illegible]	[illegible]	9	16	24	36	35
Grimsby T	33	7	12	14	39	53	33
Orient	33	8	7	18	26	47	31

Third division

BRISTOL C (0) 1: Bray — BRISTOL R (1) 2: Williams, Randall. 10,791
CHESTERFIELD (1) 1: Bonnyman (pen) — BURNLEY (2) 2: Laws, Dobson. 8,000
LINCOLN (1) 2: Cunningham, Neale — HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0. 8,203
MILLWALL (1) 1: Horrix — SOUTHEND (0) 1: Phillips. 3,025
NEWPORT (3) 4: Tynan (pen), Vaughan, Johnson, Gwyther — GILLGHM (1) 2: Price 2. 4,353
OXFORD U (1) 3: Fogg (pen), Brock, Thomas — DONCASTER (0) 1: Russell. 8,278
PORTSMOUTH (2) 3: Senior 2, Doyle (pen) — READING (0) 0. 8,427
WIMBLEDON (1) 1: Joseph — BRENTFORD (0) 2: Hurlock, Roberts. 4,513

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lincoln C	38	17	13	9	58	36	64
Carlisle	36	18	9	9	50	33	63
Oxford	37	17	11	9	54	36	62
Burnley	37	16	14	7	51	37	62
Fulham	36	16	12	8	58	39	60
Gillingham	38	16	9	13	55	50	57
Chesterfield	38	16	8	13	48	43	56
Reading	40	16	9	15	58	64	56
Brentford	38	16	8	14	42	35	56
Southend U	38	14	13	11	45	39	55
Plymouth A	38	15	9	14	53	44	54
Huddersfield T	39	14	10	15	56	50	52
*Bristol R	39	15	9	15	48	53	52
Millwall	36	13	11	12	46	46	50
Portsmouth	38	11	16	11	43	42	49
Exeter C	38	14	7	17	61	71	49
Walsall	37	11	13	13	46	43	46
Newport Co	38	11	13	14	47	48	46
Preston NE	35	11	11	14	38	45	44
Doncaster R	38	11	11	16	45	60	44
Swindon T	36	9	12	15	41	56	39
Bristol City	37	8	10	19	31	51	34
Wimbledon	35	8	9	18	41	62	33
Chester	38	7	10	19	34	60	31

Bristol Rovers two points deducted for fielding unregistered player

Fourth division

ALDERSHOT (1) 2: Sanford, Macdonald — HEREFORD (1) 2: Price, Phillips. 1,748
BURY (0) 1: Gore — BRADFORD (0) 1: Campbell. 5,231
CREWE (0) 1: Griffiths (pen) — TRANMERE (0) 1: Craven. 2,015
HALIFAX (1) 1: Hendrie — SHEFFIELD U (1) 5: Kenworthy 2 (1 pen), Charles, Edwards 2. 8,077
ROCHDALE (1) 2: Martinez, Wellings (pen) — YORK (0) 0. 1,421
STOCKPORT (0) 1: Williams — HULL (1) 2: McClaren, Mutrie. 2,450

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Barnet 2, Gravesend 0; Barrow 1, Runcorn 1, Dagenham 2, Enfield 4, Northwich Victoria 2 Altrincham 0; Stafford 1, Scarborough 1. Telford 2, AP Leamington 0, Yeovil 2, Bath 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland: Bury 1, Stourbridge 1; Bridgend 0, Merthyr Tydfil 0; Bromsgrove 1, Alvechurch 2; Cambridge City 1, Bedford 1; Cheltenham 1, Gloucester 3, Minehead 0, Taunton 1; Redditch 1, Milton Keynes 1; Wellingborough 0, Corby 0; Witney 3, Banbury 0. Southern: Addlestone and Waybridge 0, Aylesbury 0; Andover 0, Hillingdon 1, Basingstoke 0, Welling 0; Chelmsford 0, Dunstable 0; Folkestone 1, Dover 0; Hastings 2, Tonbridge 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor 1, Witton 1; Gateshead 4, Netherfield 0; King's Lynn 4, Buxton 1; Matlock 0, Burton 1; Oswestry 2, Macclesfield 0; South Liverpool 0, Tamworth 0; Southport 2, Lancaster 3; Workington 1, Marine 0; Worksop 0, Grantham 1.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Huddersfield 0, Manchester United 2; West Brom 3, Aston Villa 2.

MIDLAND LEAGUE: Bridlington 1, Sutton 1. Long Eaton 0, Guisborough 1. Spalding 1, Heanor 1.
Cup, semi-final: Boston 2, Alfreton 1. Shepshed 2, Eastwood 1.

IRISH LEAGUE: Glenavon 1, Bangor 1.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Ashington 1, Blyth Spartans 3; Billingham 0, South Bank 2; Crook 4, Durham 1; Ferryhill 0, Spennymoor 3; Penrith 0, Willington 1; Shildon 0, Bishop Auckland 1; West Auckland 1, Whitby 0; Tow Law 3, Horden 0.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billericay 0, Tooting and Mitcham 0; Carshalton 2, Hitchin 2; Dulwich Hamlet 2, Harlow 4; Hendon 5, Bishop's Stortford 0; Leytonstone and Ilford 1, Leatherhead 1. First division: Bognor Regis 1, Chesham 1; Farnborough 3, Feltham 1; Hertford 1, Epsom 1; Walton and Hersham 0, Hampton 0. Second division: Barton 2, Camberley 1; Eastbourne 1, Rainham 1; Finchley 0, Dorking 2, Horsham 0, Epping 0; Windsor and Eton 0, Cheshunt 2; Worthing 3, Basildon 1.

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP FINAL: Hungerford 1, Wycombe 0.

SURREY SENIOR CUP FINAL: Croydon 2, Sutton 0.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP FINAL: Hayes 2, Wealdstone 0.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Burnham 3, Chalfont St Peter 1; Edgware 1, Harefield 3; Fleet 1, Uxbridge 2; Grays 3, Marlow 0; Haringey Borough 3, Chertsey 3; Hoddesdon 6, Whyteleafe 1; Leyton Wingate 4, Kingsbury 2; Ruislip Manor 2, Redhill 1.

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final, first leg: Flamengo 2, Guarani 1; Corinthians 1, Gremio 2.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon 3, Neath 21; Bath 14, Otley 6; Bristol 31, Abertillery 12; Broughton Park 32, Rugby 22; Cardiff 18, Harlequins 13; Coventry 24, Headingley 11; Ebbw Vale 24, Tredegar 12; Exeter 19, Liverpool 27, Fylde 14; Vale of Lune 10, Gloucester 24, Birkenhead Park 12; Maesteg 20, Plymouth Albion 9; Moseley 18, Llanelli 18, Newbridge 24; Cross Keys 7, New Brighton 3; Wasps 25, Newport 22; London Welsh 10; Nottingham 6, Orrell 12; Nuneaton 6, Bedford 10; Pontypool 32, Leicester 16; Pontypridd 3, Bridgend 12; Swansea 22, Barbarians 25; Wakefield 25, Waterloo 6; Wilmslow 7, Northern 8.

FIRA INTERNATIONAL: Italy 21, Romania 15

Fixtures for today

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION: Coventry v Everton; Ipswich v West Ham; Leeds v Middlesbrough (7.45); Liverpool v Stoke; Swansea v Southampton.
SECOND DIVISION: Charlton v Cardiff (7.45), Leicester v Oldham (7.45);
THIRD DIVISION: Carlisle v Chester; Fulham v Swindon; Walsall v Preston.
FOURTH DIVISION: Bournemouth v Torquay; Mansfield v Scunthorpe; Peterborough v Colchester.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LLEAGUE: Trowbridge v Weymouth.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Aylesbury v Fareham; Gosport v Thanet.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Burnley v Newcastle; Everton v Bury (7.00); Sheff Utd v Sheff Wed.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol R v Plymouth; Southampton v Orient.
IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Portadown; Ballymena v Glentoran; Cliftonville v Larne; Crusaders v Distillery; Linfield v Coleraine.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Kingstonian v Maidenhead; Wembley v St Albans City. Second division: Egham v Corinthian Casuals; Southall v Molesey.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Banstead v Woodford.
RUGBY UNION: Newport v Barbarians (3.15). Northampton v Metropolitan Police.
BADMINTON: Jersey Tournament (at St Helier).
CROQUET: South of England Championships (at Eastbourne).
RACKETS: Open Singles (at Queen's Club)

EUROPEAN LEAGUES

SPANISH: Las Palmas 2, Cadiz 0; Sporting 1, Real Betis 0; Castellon 1, Real Madrid 2; Barcelona 2, Athlic Bilbao 2; Racing 0, Osasuna 3; Real Sociedad 2, Espanol 1; Atletico Madrid 2, Valencia 1; Sevilla 5, Real Zaragoza 0; Hercules 0, Real Valladolid 2.

YUGOSLAV: Zeljeznicar Saraevo 4, Vardar Skopje 2; Red Star Belgrade 2, Vojvodina Novi Sad 3; Buducnost Titograd 2, Rijeka 2; Dinamo Zagreb 2, Olimpija Ljubljana 2; Ofk Beograd 1, Partizan Belgrade 0; Hajduk Split 4, Zagreb 0; Teteks Tetovo 2, Radnicki Nis 0; Sloboda Tuzla 0, Sarajevo 1; Velez Mostar 4, Osijek 1.

FRENCH: Monaco 4, Bastia 1, Paris 0, Bordeaux 2; Sochaux 1, Montpellier 0; Strasbourg 1, Tours 1; Metz 1, Lille 0; Lens 2, Lyon 1; Brest 1, Nice 0; S Etienne 1, Laval 1; Auxerre 3, Valenciennes 0; Nantes 5, Nancy 1.

POLISH: Legia Warsaw 5, Motor Lublin 2; Baltyk Gdynia 2, Wisla Krakow 0; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 0, Stal Mielec 1; Lks Lodz 2, Gornik Zabrze 1; Lech Poznan 0, Widzew Lodz 1; Szombierki Bytom 3, Ruch Chorzow 0; Pogon Szczecin 1, Arka Gdynia 0; Slask Wroclaw 3, Gwardia Warsaw 0.

BULGARIAN: Sliven 0, Levski-Spartak 1; Botev 2, Chernomorets 0; Slavia 1, Spartak 0; Trakia 2, Etur 1; Haskovo 1, Lokomotiv 0; Beroe 6, Cherno More 0; Akademik 0, Belasitsa 0; Marek 0, Cska Septemvriisko Zname 0.

TURKISH: Trabzonspor 1, Galatasaray 0; Besiktas 1, Diyarbakir 1; Adanaspor 1, Zonguldak 0; Goztepe 0, Adanademirspor 0; Sakarya 0, Boluspor 0; Kocaeli 0, Bursaspor 1; Gaziantep 0, Altay 0; Fenerbahce 1, Eskisehir 1.

FOR THE RECORD

TENNIS

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS (after 19 tournaments): 1, J Connors (US) 1030 pts; 2, G Vilas (Argentina) 976; 3, I Lendl (Czechoslovakia) 835; 4, J McEnroe (US) 525; 5, J Kriek (SA) 425; 6, Y Noah (France) 434; 7, V Gerulaitis (US) 420; 8, C Hooper (US); 9, J Sadri (US) 360; 10, P McNamara (Australia) 315.
JOHANNESBURG: South African Grand Prix men's final: D Visser (SA) beat V Winitsky (US) 6-4, 6-3.
HILTON HEAD ISLAND SOUTH CAROLINA: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: A Jaeger beat C Evert-Lloyd 6-1, 1-6, 6-2. M Navratilova beat M Jausovec (Yugoslavia) 6-1, 3-6, 6-2. Final: M Navratilova beat A Jaeger 6-4, 6-2.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK: American League: Minnesota Twins 3, California Angels 1; Detroit Tigers 2, Kansas City Royals 1; Cleveland Indians 13, Texas Rangers 1; Seattle Mariners 6, Oakland Athletics 3; Oakland Athletics 3, Seattle Mariners 1; Milwaukee Brewers 14, Toronto Blue Jays 5; Boston Red Sox 6, Baltimore Orioles 0; Chicago White Sox 7, New York Yankees 6; Chicago White Sox 2, New York Yankees 0. National League: Philadelphia Phillies 1, Montreal Expos 0; St Louis Cardinals 7, Pittsburgh Pirates 6; San Francisco Giants 6, Cincinnati Reds 1; New York Mets 5, Chicago Cubs 4; San Diego Padres v Los Angeles Dodgers postponed.

MOTOR CYCLING

CHALLENGE TROPHY (5 laps) 10.8 miles: 1, Robinson (Yamaha, Ulster), 13 min 42.8 (98.64 mph); 2, S Tonkin (Armstrong, Carnforth), 13:51.2; 3, T Rees (Waddon, Coventry), 13:51.7. Fastest lap: G Cannell (Isle of Man), 1 min 41.1 secs. Speed 98.37. Overall: 1, Robinson.
STREET BIKES CHAMPIONSHIP: Third round: (10 laps, 27.61 miles): 1, W Gardner (Honda, Australia) 17:30.3 (94.64 mph); 2, R Haslam (Honda, Langley Mill), 17:35.7; 3, J Dunlop (Honda, Ulster), 17:47.5. Fastest lap: Haslam 1:43.1.
SIDECARS (10 laps, 27.61 miles): 1, J Taylor and B Johansson (Scotland-Sweden), 16:50.7 (98.34 mph); 2, S Abbott and S Smith (Riddings), 17:3.2; 3, B Ford-Dunn and B Mewson (Steyning), 17:7.0. Fastest lap: Taylor, 1:40.0.
500 CHAMPIONSHIP (10 laps, 27.61 miles): 1, K Ballington (Kawasaki, S Africa), 16:42.3 (99.17 mph); 2, K Heuwen (Suzuki, Kettering) 16:42.7; 3, B Smith (Suzuki, St Helens) 16:45.6. Fastest lap: Heuwen, 1:38.4.

SHOOTING

SOMERTON, SUFFOLK: Clay-pigeon English Sporting Championship: Men: 1, J Kitson (Brierley Hill, Staffs) 87 out of 100; 2, G Sirzaker (Blackpool) 86 after shoot-off. Ladies: 1, A Hillyer (Sherborne, Dorset) 60. Juniors: 1, R Calton (Diss, Norfolk) 77. Veterans: 1, T Sanders (Wirral, Merseyside) 82 (including 18 handicap points).
BISLEY: Easter target rifle meeting: Grand aggregate: 1, R Hatcher (Old Bedfordians) 475; 2, A Clark (Midland Counties) 474; 3, D Coleman (Surrey) 474. Monday Aggregate (Long Range): 1, J Bennett (Kidderminster) 141; 2, J Thompson (Central Bankers) 138; 3, an Clark 137.

FENCING

BUENOS AIRES: World under-20 championships. Mens sabre final: A Vinnick (USSR) beat M Marin (Italy). 3rd place play-off: P Abay (Hungary) beat E Taukov (USSR). Woman's foil final: L Modaine (France) beat G Mayoret (France). 3: D Vaccaroni (Italy).

BASKETBALL

National Association: Boston Celtics 110, Philadelphia 76'ers 109; Dallas Mavericks 109, Houston Rockets 97; San Antonio Spurs 128, Kansas City Kings 121; Atlanta Hawks 108, Chicago Bulls 89; Detroit Pistons 97, New York Knicks 89; Portland Trail Blazers 116, Golden State Warriors 106; Los Angeles Lakers 107, Seattle Supersonics 104.

Eastern Conference
Atlantic Division

	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston Celtics	61	17	782	—
Philadelphia 76'ers	54	24	692	7
Washington Bullets	41	37	526	20
New Jersey Nets	40	38	513	21
New York Knicks	33	46	423	28

Central Division

	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee Bucks	54	24	692	—
Atlanta Hawks	40	38	513	14
Detroit Pistons	37	42	474	17
Indiana Pacers	34	44	436	20
Chicargo Bulls	30	48	385	24
Cleveland Cavaliers	15	63	192	39

BOXING

NEW JERSEY: WBA light heavyweight championship: M Spinks beat M Sutherland, 8th rnd.

HOCKEY

FOLKESTONE: International festival: Cardiff 0, Ladykillers 2; Chiltern Lions 1, Red Devils 5; Edinburgh University 1, Old Peculiars 0; Bandits 0, Nottingham University 0; AHTC Wien 1, Norwich Grasshoppers 0; Austrian Juniors 1, Coventry and North Warwick 2; Blue Devils 1, Ghosts 2; OAPs 4, Royal Leopold 5; Folkestone Optimist 1, London University 0; HC Rotterdam 5, Radley Gallions 2; Cliftonville 2, Old Dragons 1; Crostyx 0, Old Canterburians 2; Durham University 2, Royal Herakles 1; Hayes 1, Oxford University 2; Bourne 1, Guy's Hospital 2; Cliftonville 2, Sparrows 2; Eastbourne 2, Exeter University 0; St Thomas's Hospital 2, South Saxons 3; Folkestone Optimist 1, Bacchanalians 2; Birmingham University 1, Lloyds Bank 2.
EINDHOVEN: Schoolboys quadrangular Under-18: England 2, West Germany 1; Netherlands 1, England 0; Netherlands 4, Belgium 0; West Germany 5, Belgium 1; West Germany 3, Netherlands 1. Final placings (on goal difference): 1, West Germany 4pts; 2, Netherlands 4; 3, England 4; 4, Belgium 0. Under 16: West Germany 2, England 1; Netherlands 3, England 1; Belgium 0, England 3; Netherlands 0, Belgium 0; West Germany 1, Belgium 0; West Germany 2, Netherlands 1. Final placings: 1, West Germany 6pts; 2, Netherlands 1; 3, England 2; 4, Belgium 1.

SNOW REPORTS

CAIRNGORMS: Main runs: All complete. New snow with icy patches. Lower slopes: A few complete; new snow with icy patches. Vertical runs: 1800ft. Access Roads: Clear.
GLENSHEE: Main runs: A few complete, but narrow, hard packed snow with icy patches. Lower slopes: Limited nursery areas. Vertical runs: 1000ft. Access Roads: Clear. Snow level: 2000ft.
GLENCOE: Main runs: All complete, spring snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: Ample nursery areas, spring snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 1400ft. Access Roads: Clear. Snow level: 2200ft.
LECHT: Main runs: Only one, not complete; others broken spring snow. Lower slopes: Limited nursery areas, spring snow. Vertical runs: 600ft. Access Roads: Clear. Snow level: 2000ft.

YACHTING

Strong winds and protests

The second day of the British university team racing championships was once again held in force four winds. Cambridge, the organizers, London, Nottingham and Southampton won their leagues. Other qualifiers for the final knockout stages are likely to be Salford, Manchester, Birmingham and Liverpool.

Some results are provisional, with a few protests outstanding. The protests committee has been working continuously throughout the weekend. In the women's section Liverpool and Strathclyde are still undefeated and head their league and in the other London and Nottingham are in front. All the women's teams have qualifying chances.

HELENSBURGH: First Scottish Championship of the International Contender: 1, Meisterschaft (A Riddington, Draycot Water) 4¾ pts; 2, Suicide is Painless (W Handley, Queen Mary) 9¾ pts; 3, Hots On For Nowhere (D Spy, Helensburgh) 10¾ pts.

TENNIS

Early start and early exit for Shann

By Lewine Mair

Sean Cole and David Shann provided a match to catch the imagination on the first day of the 16 and under British junior hard court championships, sponsored by Prudential, at the Edgbaston Archery and Lawn Tennis Society yesterday. Cole, the fourth seed, won 2-6, 7-5, 7-5, but the result might have been different had Shann not spent the previous night in the club's boilerhouse.

With his parents unable to afford guest house accommodation, Shann, a former winner of the national junior grass court championship at 14 and under level, had set out from Hertfordshire with a tent. At the Archery club, they took pity on him and gave him the key to the boilerhouse, where he was roused from his slumbers at 6.30 by a startled groundsman.

Shann may have been something of a rebel in his past, but his present determination is such that officials and sponsors alike must surely be looking at him in a new light.

With Shann 5-4 and 40-15 up in the final set of yesterday's match, the tournament referee appeared at the netting to administer a formal warning to Cole for his behaviour. The telling-off had the effect of restoring Cole's determination. He saved both match points with good, deep shots, and took the next two games for the loss of only four points.

BOYS: R Whichello (Kent) beat J W Godman (Surrey), 6-2, 6-1; S Cole (Surrey) beat D Shann (Hertfordshire), 2-6, 7-5, 7-5; J Goodall (Yorkshire) beat J Edgell (Hampshire), 6-1, 6-1; R Jeffreys (Middlesex) beat S Heritage (Oxfordshire), 6-1, 6-0; B Knapp (Gloucestershire) beat A Evans (Derbyshire), 6-0, 6-0.
GIRLS: S Longbottom (Yorkshire) beat S Simons (Dorset), 6-1, 6-1; C Bhaguandas (Middlesex) beat A Grunfelt (Lancashire), 7-5, 6-4. D Walker (Middlesex) beat K Russell (Nottinghamshire), 6-2, 6-3; S Nicholson (Surrey) beat R Charlton (Berkshire), 6-0, 6-2.

Subtle touch of Navratilova

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, April 12 — Martina Navratilova, playing what she said was her best clay-court match ever, won a 200,000 dollar tennis tournament here yesterday when she beat young Andrea Jaeger, of United States, 6-4, 6-2.

Miss Navratilova said afterwards she has been working on clay court tactics with American player, Renee Richards. Rather than try to overpower Miss Jaeger, aged 16 she resorted, for the most part, to delicately angled chips and slices

SHOW JUMPING

Winning combination

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Heatwave, who has been sold to Laura Mayer, the Dursley (Gloucestershire) based Italian girl, was reunited with David Broome at Bicton yesterday and romped away with the most valuable prize of the four-day Easter meeting, the Radio Rentals Stakes, for which eight horses went clear initially.

Helen Rees set the standard in the jump-off with a second clear round on Lord Oliver in 48.5 seconds. Then it began to look as though Simon Trent with the locally bred Hoppa Light would end up in the winners enclosure when they set a 40-second target, which Broome shattered in 39.8

Tony Newbery the local hero, and his German bred Rico went into third place in 41.3 seconds at the expense of Rheingold (also ridden by Newbery). Also down the course were Jane Sargant, New Zealand bred, Lady's Man from Northamptonshire, young Paul Craigo on Autumn Folly (bred by his parents out of Spring Fever, Mrs Crago's outstanding mare of bygone days) and the 1980 European Junior champion, Michael Mac riding Graham Fletcher's erstwhile partner, Tauna Dora.

Geoff Glazzard, who with Simon Trent has monopolised the winning here this weekend, was put down by a novice in the morning, to which his face bears painful testimony and is remaining in Devon as the guest of Tony Newbery until the Broome family's Wales and The West Show starts at Mount Ballan Manor, Crick near Chepstow on Friday.

Radio Rental Stakes: 1, Miss L Mayer's Heatwave (D Broome) 0 in 39.8 sec. 2, Brandon Riding Establishment's Hoppa Light (0 in 40) (S Trent). 3, T Newbery's Rico, 0 in 41.3.

GOLF

The extra-hole town still talks about Stadler's green jacket

From John Hopkins, Augusta, April 12

In this pretty, flower-lined town in Georgia, which enjoys one week each year of world fame, the talk today was still of the manner of Craig Stadler's victory in the United States Masters championship, which ended last evening. Not, you understand, why the 28-year-old won his first green jacket, but how he did it.

After having an astonishing six-stroke lead over his nearest challenger with only nine holes remaining, Stadler found himself just one clear on the seventeenth tee. It is history now that he did not preserve this narrow lead, was forced into a playoff and won on the first extra hole. It was the second Playoff in three years and the eighth in all.

The play-off, which had not seemed remotely likely until Stadler was two-thirds of his way around, brought an eventful tournament to a close. Yesterday afternoon Stadler led the field. He was no Johnny-come-lately: he had been tied for the lead at halfway after rounds of 75 and 69 and his 67 on Saturday put him on 211, five under par. He led the field by three strokes.

Many people thought he would be overtaken by one or more of the distinguished gathering on his heels. Within six shots were Ballesteros, Pate, Weiskopf, Floyd, Watson and the man whose name was soon to become much better known, Dan Pohl.

At the start of the fateful fourth round it was the other players who dropped the shots. Stadler reached the turn in 33, three under par; Ballesteros and Weiskopf had struggled to match par and Pate had dropped two strokes. Only Pohl had improved his position and was now sixth behind.

His great advantage was that he was playing a half hour ahead of Stadler, which meant that the roars of applause that greeted his performance kept wafting back to the tournament leader and putting him under increasing pressure. At the end of the sixteenth Pohl was four under par and Stadler was beginning to crumble. He dropped a shot on the twelfth by missing a six-foot putt, another on the fourteenth by taking three putts. Now he was only two ahead and another six-stroke was squandered on the sixteenth when his tee-shot ended in a bunker.

He reached the eighteenth green without wasting any more strokes. But then his first putt from 35 feet pulled up eight feet short and his second putt slid by the hole, forcing him into a playoff with Pohl. The playoff was quick and clean. Stadler reached the tenth comfortably in two, Pohl was off on the right fringe. Stadler got down in two putts whereas Pohl's second missed the hole.

The key to Pohl's play had been a spell beginning on the thirteenth of the penultimate round. For the remaining 24 holes he was 10 under par, including a dazzling period when he went eagle, eagle, birdie, birdie from the thirteenth, picking up six shots in four holes. Before today he lay 130th on the money-winners' list.

Stadler's victory confirms his entry to the highest level of the game. He will be at Troon for the Open in July, as will the 1980 winner, Ballesteros.

One man who will be back here next year is Peter Oosterhuis. His four rounds of 73, 74, 75, 73 were sufficient to earn him an automatic invitation for 1983.

FINAL TOTALS: 284, C Stadler, 75, 69, 67, 73; D Pohl, 75, 75, 67, 67; 285, S Ballesteros (Spain), 73, 73, 68, 71; J Pate, 74, 73, 67, 71; 287, T Watson, 77, 69, 70, 71; T Kite, 76, 69, 73, 69; 289, R Floyd, 74, 72, 69, 74; C Strange, 74, 70, 73, 72; L Nelson, 79, 71, 70, 69; 290, T Weiskopf, 75, 72, 68, 75, F Zoeller, 72, 76, 70, 72; A Bean, 75, 72, 73, 70; M Hayes, 74, 73, 73, 70; 291, R Gilder, 79, 71, 66, 75; 292, G Player (SA), 74, 73, 71, 74; Y Hagawa (Japan), 75, 74, 71, 72; J Nicklaus, 69, 77, 71, 75; 293, D Graham (Australia), 73, 77, 70, 73; Other foreign scores: 295, P Oosterhuis (GB), 73, 74, 75, 73; 300, G Norman (Australia), 73, 75, 73, 79.


Strong men shall bow ... and golf, even when played by Stadler, can humble the strongest

RUGBY UNION

Keeping noses in front paid off

By Peter West, Rugby Correspondent

Swansea	22
Barbarians	25

The Barbarians have suffered a heavy defeat or two at St Helens in recent seasons, but yesterday, with the necessary commitment forward, they had the satisfaction of a victory by two goals, a drop goal, two penalty goals, and a try, to two goals, two penalty goals, and a try.

Their task on a sunny afternoon no doubt was made easier by the fact that they had their noses in front for almost all of the course. Swansea drew level at 22-22, with about four minutes remaining, but an offence at a ruck, in the second minute of injury time, gave Barnes the chance to win the game. He made no mistake from 35 metres out.

This was entirely appropriate because the Barbarians full back, with some electric running on the counter-attack, surely had been the man of the match in anybody's book. His piece de resistance was to make a fine catch of an inaccurate kick out of Swansea's defence, then to catch his own chip ahead amongst a melee of opposing forwards, and, finally, at the end of a sparkling thrust, to put Johnston away for a try by the hooker, Simpson.

Now that Barnes, formerly a member of the Welsh squad, has cast his lot with England — he is to play for their Under 23 side at stand off half tomorrow — it was a pity that no England selector was present to witness an exciting performance in the position he regards as being his *best one*.

After Barnes and Wyatt respectively had kicked penalties for the two sides, the Barbarians scored the only try of the first two sides, the Barbarians scored the only try of the first half through the enterprise of George, their scrum half, at a tapped penalty, the dash of Johnston and an exchange of passes between Ringland and Calder before the Irish wing crowned the movement with an excellent piece of acceleration.

It says something for the strength of Swansea's squad that Blyth was left out of yesterday's side at full back, and that Wheel was a reserve. However, the last-named made a late appearance,


Wyatt: in kicking form

appropriately cheered, as deputy for the injured Clegg.

It was 7—6 to the visitors at the interval, Wyatt having kicked a second penalty for Swansea. Simpson's try and a conversion by Barnes stretched this to seven points, before Clegg went over for Swansea on the sharp end of a Swansea wedge. None of Swansea's runners looked more dangerous than Swift, but he had the misfortune to have a pass intercepted by George who scored at the posts for another conversion by Barnes. That put Barbarians nine points clear.

However, behind a Swansea scrummage Brynmor Williams and Meredith effected a scissors as sharp and as cutting for the Swansea centre to score with scarcely a hand laid upon him, and Wyatt converted.

Back came the Barbarians with their forwards supplying plenty of good loose ball, and George dropped a goal at leisure. Vivies.

Then Swansea got on level terms at last when their forwards arrived in support of a dart by Dacey, and Brynmor Williams barrowed over for a characteristic score and a further conversion from Wyatt.

Swansea: M Wyatt; A Swift, A Meredith, G Jenkins, H Rees; M Dacey, B Williams, C Williams, F Herdman, H Hopkin; M Ruddock, B Clegg (capt), (rep G Wheel), R Moriarty, G Roberts, T Cheeseman.
Barbarians: S Barnes (Oxford University and Newport); T Ringland (Queen's University, Belfast and Ireland), D Johnston (Watsonians and Scotland, capt), C Belascain (Bayonne and France); B Vivies (Agen and France), I George (London Welsh), P Rendall (Wasps), A Simpson (Sale), I Milne (Heriot's FP and Scotland), N Jeavons (Moseley and England), J Syddall (Waterloo and England), D Lenihan (UCC and Ireland), J Calder (Stewart's-Melville FP and Scotland), D White (Gala and Scotland).
Referee: W Jones (West Wales).

The Holmes fire burns a little too bright for Harlequins

By Peter Marson

Cardiff	18
Harlequins	13

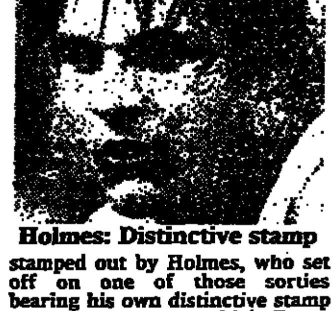
After Saturday's romp against Barbarians, Cardiff looked a shade subdued at the Arms Park yesterday and had to call on all their expertise and skill to beat Harlequins by two goals and two penalty goals to a goal, a try and a dropped goal.

It was an appropriate way in which to mark the first meeting between these two famous clubs when they drew, neither side scoring.

Cardiff have enjoyed another exceptional season under John Scott's leadership. To a lesser degree the same could be said of Harlequins.

It would have been asking a lot of Harlequins to have completed a treble of successes with victory against Cardiff on their cabbage patch yesterday. Yet, as Harlequins turned round at half-time leading 9-3, the eternal optimist's flickering flame of hope was visible.

But with barely five minutes of the second half gone this was extinguished, perhaps more


Holmes: Distinctive stamp

stamped out by Holmes, who set off on one of those sorties bearing his own distinctive stamp to score a try, to which Barry added his conversion.

Barry's place-kicking and, out of the hand, that of Davies played a significant part in Cardiff's victory. Barry's contribution was 10 points from two penalty goals and two conversions.

McHardy, Scotland's B international scrum-half, had another outstanding match. His deft kick to touch enabled Harlequins to establish a platform from which they moved into a lead, Cheetham dropping the sweetest of goals

Almost immediately Barry won back three points with a well-taken penalty goal from 35 metres. Hereon it became tense, both sides probing persistently for a weakness yet finding none. On the stroke of half-time Harlequins underlined their threat by scoring a capital try. Rees, fielding a kick, swerved infield at the halfway line and disappeared under a pile of bodies.

Harlequins won the ball and a swift transfer leftwards saw Hodgkiss accelerate through the widest of gaps in Cardiff's centre. Hodgkiss sprinted on to gain the line and Dudman crowned a fine effort with his conversion.

In the second half Cardiff regrouped and, after Holmes's try, scored again through Phillips, Barry converting and landing a penalty goal. Harlequins gallantry rested with a second try from Hodgkiss.

CARDIFF: P Rees; S Evans, M Murphy, D Barry, D Preece; G Davies, T Holmes; J Whitefoot, A Phillips, J Rawlings, W Lakin, K Edwards, R Norster, R Lewis, J Scott.
HARLEQUINS: R Dudman; S Moriarty, D Hodgkiss, A Dent, J Butcher; S Cheetham, H McHardy; N Rowan, C Kersey, A Barker, D Cooke, R Riddell (sub, E Weekes), N O'Brien, D Best, P Jackson.
Referee: D E Parry-Jones (Welsh RU).

Otley last, like the local stone

By Alan Gibson

Bath	14
Otley	8

Otley was one of the first two rugby clubs I ever saw. They were playing Ilkley, where I lived as a child. When I say "saw" I must not imply I was a spectator, I was conscious only of a lot of large men charging about, and severe remonstrance when I strayed too near the field of play. They are not one of the most famous Yorkshire clubs, but have served the county well.

So I thought it right to go along to Bath and give a *Yorkshire cheer. Otley lost,* scoring two tries against two tries, a dropped goal, and a penalty goal. In the end the difference was only in the kicking

The afternoon was cold but bright. The ground was hard which accounted for the frequent stops for injury in a good-tempered game. Bath led by ten points at half-time; a penalty goal by Ralston, a dropped goal by Rees (who had a good game in the unfamiliar position of stand off half) and a try by Collins.

Otley had put in some promising early attacks and we noticed the danger of their fast right wing Garden and the all round skills of their scrum half Male and also the way they covered comprehensively in defence. But I did not think they had a chance in the second half, especially when Collins scored

Not a bit of it. Perhaps Bath took too much for granted. Otley kept vigorously going and deserved their tries, which were scored by Midgeley and Garden.

There were even moments when Otley threatened to draw level. By the end it was Bath who looked as if they were completing an Easter tour. I recalled that the foundations of the Houses of Parliament are built of Otley stone, and clearly their rugby team is also made of enduring material

BATH: C Ralston; P Simmons, C Bird, A Collins, S Halliday; A Rees, S Lewis; A Brooks, R Spurrell, D Barry, N Gaymond, J Hall, K Neale, G Bess, R Lee.
OTLEY: J Dracup; M Garden, G Poole, N Sheard, A Midgeley; N Holmes, P Male; P Ess, B O'Neill, W Squires, J Downs, M Haley, M Wright, N Barnett, J Chappell.

Gravell is the Llanelli rock

By Richard Streeton

Moseley	18
Llanelli	18

Only 90 seconds remained when Moseley, the John Player Cup finalists, snatched a late try that Akenhead converted to enable them to level the scores. It was an exciting finish

Each side lacked several regular first team choices and finished with two goals, a penalty goal, and a dropped goal. Gravell finished with 16 points.

The first portents were not good for Llanelli. Sheer carelessness gave Akenhead four early penalty chances: he succeeded with his first and the second hit a post.

When Llanelli had the ball they failed at this stage to find the same thrust and speed Moseley showed in the loose. Corless in the frequent mauls and Davidson at the front of the lineout made important contributions for Moseley, who increased their lead when Goodwin wriggled past some tentative tackling to score *under the posts and Akenhead* converted.

Some friction between the front rows was quickly sorted out by Mr Welsby, and some sustained Moseley pressure near the interval ended with Metcalfe trying a dropped goal. A flurry of scores in the first 12 minutes after the interval left the teams level at 12-12, with Llanelli at last moving the ball smoothly and looking far sharper. Gravell scored a try that he converted after two quick rucks were followed by a slick bout of crossfield passing. He then kicked a penalty and dropped a goal. Akenhead, *in* between, dropped a goal for Moseley.

Llanelli, often given the initiative by Douglas's short kicks ahead, and by some hard work from their back row, scored another try in the 70th minute, when Gravell had an *overlap on the left and Thomas* landed a good conversion from the touchline. Moseley's chances seemed to have gone, but in the closing moments they broke away from midfield, the ball was moved to the left with Metcalfe in the line and Lawson's basic speed enabled him to cross the line. Akenhead kicked the crucial conversion.

MOSELEY: I Metcalfe; J Goodwin (replacement M Lawrence), C Osborne, D Shorrock, R Lawson; R Akenhead, S Sutherland; T Corless (replacement P Evans), G Cox, S Acaster, D Warren, J Davidson, A Ricardo, J Basle, D Nutt (captain).
LLANELLI: M Gravell; D Owen, P Morgan, P Hopkins, D Nicholas (replacement G Benfield); B Thomas, M Douglas; K Townley (captain), K Jenkins, L Delaney, A Davies, P May, R Cornelius, N Sanders, P Davies.
Referee: A Welsby (Manchester).

BADMINTON

England's switches pay off

From Richard Eaton, Boblingen, West Germany, April 12

Yesterday, England were greatly helped towards the European title by the absence of all-England champion Morten Frost and the defeat of the holders, Denmark, by Sweden. Today they did a great deal to help themselves, an unexpectedly emphatic 5-0 win over Sweden which means that, barring freakish events, the title is theirs.

Denmark now must beat England 5-0 tomorrow, and with Frost unlikely to play such a result is unlikely.

On today's evidence England should conclude matters with a win. They pulled a surprise in selecting the 20-year-old number 3, Nick Yates, for the vital opening singles against Thomas Kihlstrom, a former European runner up, and it paid off handsomely. They split the world champions Nora Perry and Jane Webster and that worked too.

Then, in the important final encounter, Mike Tredgett and Martin Dew won a rehearsal of the scheduled men's double final against Kihlstrom and Stefan Karlsson, 13-18, 15-11, 18-14. This was the win that effectively put the title out of the reach of the Denmark team, whose morale is already low.

England morale is being constantly perked up by competition for places. "It was the best prrformance Nick has turned in for us", manager Ciro Ciniglio said. "We could not possibly have asked more of him. That's the value of a strong squad. It also makes it difficult for the opposition when they don't know who we are going to pick."

Yates, who has a likely singles quarter final with the second seeded Kihlstrom, beat him 15-13, 15-11. He led 14-8 in the first game and 8-3 in the second. Each time the tall Swede unleashed a series of elegant winners. But Yates, the best athlete in the squad, retrieved well and hung on hard, and as suddenly as they appeared, winners turned into losers. At the end Kihlstrom was left tired for the encounter with Tredgett and Dew.

Tredgett, equalling Ray Stevens's all-time record of 109 caps, also won the mixed doubles with Mrs Perry and national champion Miss Webster made the victory certain by beating the Ugandan born Christine Magnusson. She needed six match points to do it though, eventually winning 11-5, 12-11.

Mrs Perry then teamed with her fellow MBE, Gillian Gilks, and beat Miss Magnusson and Miss Bengtsson.

GROUP A: Sweden beat Denmark, 3-2; Britain beat the Netherlands, 5-0; Denmark beat the Netherlands, 5-0; England beat Sweden, 5-0 (N Yates beat T Kihlstrom, 15-13, 15-11; M Tredgett and Mrs N Perry beat L Wenberg and Miss M Bengtsson, 15-3, 15-7; Miss J Webster beat Miss C Magnusson, 11-5, 12-11; Mrs Perry and Mrs G Gilks beat Miss Magnusson and Miss Bengtsson, 15-8, 15-5; Tredgett and M Dew beat Kihlstrom and S Karlsson, 13-18, 15-11, 18-14).

GROUP B: Scotland beat W Germany, 5-0 (Ulrich lost to Travers, 8-15, 15-12, 8-15; Zwuebler lost to Fulton, 4-11, 11-3, 5-11; Klauer and Treitinger lost to Travers and Gilliland, 4-15, 9-15; Pickartz and Schmieder lost to Fulton and Gardner, 8-15, 15-5, 11-15; Klauer and Pickartz lost to Gilliland and Heatley, 7-15, 4-15); USSR beat Scotland, 4-1; Ireland beat W Germany, 3-2; USSR beat Ireland, 4-1.

GROUP C: Wales beat Norway, 5-0; Czechoslovakia beat Austria, 3-2; Czechoslovakia beat Wales, 3-2; Austria beat Norway, 3-2.

GROUP D: Belgium beat Finland, 3-2; Poland beat Hungary, 4-1; Poland beat Belgium, 3-2; Hungary beat Finland, 3-2.

GROUP E: Iceland beat France, 4-1; Switzerland beat Yugoslavia, 3-2; Switzerland beat France, 5-0; Iceland beat Italy, 5-0; Yugoslavia beat Italy, 4-1; Iceland beat Switzerland, 3-2; Italy beat France, 3-2.

MOTOR RACING

Champion on two and four wheels

Johnny Cecotto, former world motor cycle champion scored a dramatic win in yesterday's European Formula Two championship race at Hampshire's Thruxton circuit. The 26-year-old Venezuelan won despite a pit stop to become the first motor cyclist since John Surtees and Mike Hailwood to score an international success on four wheels as well as two.

Stefan Johansson of Sweden dominated the early stages of the race before being forced to stop for fresh tyres, when Corrado Fabi of Italy then took over before being forced out by engine trouble.

Irish driver Tommy Byres won the Formula Three championship race from Louis Schaffer of Brazil

European Formula Two Championship: 1 J Cecotto (Venezuela) March-BMW 1hr 3mins 49.22secs (average speed: 121.82mph); 2 K Acheson (Ireland) Ralt-Honda 1hr 4mins 1.00secs; 3 T Boutsen (Belgium) Spirit-Honda 1hr 4mins 5.09secs; 4 B Gabbiani (Italy) Maurer-BMW 1hr 4mins 17.21secs; 5 P Streiff (France) AGS-BMW 1hr 4mins 20.28secs; 6 R Dallest (France) Merzario-BMW 1hr 4mins 28.37secs. Fastest lap: J Cecotto, 1min 7 37secs (average speed: 125 90mph). British Formula Three Championship: 1 T Byrne (Ireland) Ralt 25mins 00.77secs (average speed: 113.03mph); 2 L Schaffer (Brazil) Ralt 25mins 1.42secs; 3 D Scott (GB) Ralt 25mins 2.29secs; 4 J Weaver (GB) Ralt 25mins 5.64secs; 5 R Trott (GB) Ralt 25mins 8.22secs. Fastest lap: T Byrne, 1min 14.02secs (average speed: 114.59mph).

MOTOR CYCLING

Sheene leads Britain to a hollow victory

By Adrianne Blue

Nearer perfect than any rider in the 12-year history of the Marlborough Transatlantic Trophy, the former world champion Barry Sheene, won five of the series' six races leading Britain to victory against the Americans by the huge margin of 178 points.

It was indeed a rout for as the American captain Dave Aldana, his team's top points scorer, put it: "A very good thrashing. A jubilant Sheene won both races at Oulton Park yesteday. Roger Marshall, who scored his first Transatlantic Trophy win at Mallory Park on Sunday finished second in the first race at Oulton, crashing though without serious injury in the last.

The day's first race was a British one, two, three and four. Once again Marshall on the Suzuki four stroke led almost from the start while Sheene on the Grand Prix 500cc Yamaha quickly crept up the field. On the third lap on the straight Sheene passed the Suzuki of John Newbold last season's Transatlantic Trophy top scorer at almost the same moment that Gary Ligham came off at Cascade a notorious crashpoint. He struck stacks of tyres, where for safety there should have been straw bales, bruising his neck and shoulders badly. Behind Newbold Graham Wood held on to fourth place and there they stayed, Sheene making several parries but being outbraked by Marshall till, on the last lap, Sheene went through, finishing the 18 minute 01.4 sec race 0.5 sec ahead of Marshall.

The first American to finish were Aldama followed by Wes Cooley. Britain scored 80 to the Americans 55. By the last race of the series the American tea, was down to six riders. The biggest disappointment had been the early departure of Freddie Spencer who crashed his 500cc Grand Prix Honda at Brands Hatch. He had been expected to *be Sheene's biggest opposition.*

In this final race the first five places went to Britain with Sheene again finishing first. Marshall took the lead only to *crash on at Druids.* That left Sheene followed by Wood, Newbold and the American Dale Singleton, until on lap nine, Newbold pulled into second

Behind him came Wood, Bob Smith and Steve Henshaw, the first American being Aldana. Britain's victory by 79 to 47 brought the series to its conclusion with a score of Britain 491, to America's 313.

MOTOR RALLYING

Kenyan steers his way to fifth victory

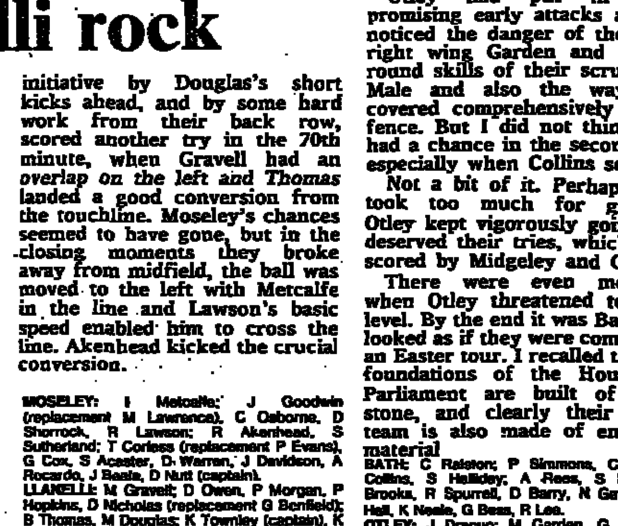
From a Special Correspondent
Nairobi, Apr 12

The Kenya rally driver Shekhar Mehta, the only man to have won the event more than twice, achieved his fifth win (and fourth in succession) in the 3,000-mile three-day Safari rally which ended here today.

Mehta's Datsun Sylvia, which had alternated in the lead with two Opel Ascona 400s, despite recurring rear axle trouble, emerged with a clear lead on a gruelling route when the Opel driven by the Finnish driver Rauno Altonen, broke a con-rod on the final leg today.

It was a bitter disappointment for Altonen, competing in the rally for the twentieth time. He has yet to win the event, having lost an appeal last year against Mehta when both were driving Datsons.

The British rally pair, Tony Pond and Terry Harryman, finished fourth


On victory trail: Shekhar Mehta leading in his Datson Sylvia

DIVING

Britons at their best

By Athole Still

There were no medals for Britain yesterday on the fourth and final day of the Martini European Diving Cup at Crystal Palace, but the presence of so many of the world's leading exponents from 17 nations inspired two Britons, Sandra Yeates and Nigel Stanton, to surpass every expectation.

Miss Yeates, aged 21 from Cheltenham, finished fifth in the 3m springboard and Stanton, aged 17, from Ware, came seventh in the 10m high board. Both divers showed admirable competitiveness as they improved considerably on their previous bests in achieving qualifying standards for the world championships in Ecuador in August.

Miss Yeates was the British second string diver and had never exceeded 400 points for the 10-dive programme. Her score yesterday of 446.82 was the highest ever recorded by a British woman. Her training time is extremely restricted. She is a civil servant and receives no special concessions from her employers, unlike all four girls who finished ahead of her.

MEN'S HIGHBOARD FINAL: 1, T Knuths (EG), 639. 60 pts; 2, V Aleynik (USSR) 602. 34, 3, D Ambartsumin (USSR), 587. 94; 4, P Italinani (ITALY), 562. 05; 5, D Dorr (WG), 554. 43; 6, C Thompson (DENMARK), 516. 06; 7, N Stanton, 514. 08.

WOMEN'S SPRINGBOARD FINAL: 1, M Proeber (EG), 497. 85; 2, O Khinko (USSR), 479. 40; 3, B Baldus (EG), 452. 37; 4, D Jongejans (NETH), 452. 31; 5, S Yeats (GB), 446. 82.

ICE HOCKEY

Halpin strikes again

By Robert Pryce

Dundee Rockets and Murrayfield Racers, already through to the British championship playoffs and the ICY Smith Cup final, will meet in the final of the Spring Cup.

In the semi-finals Duncan *McIntyre gave Marrayfield the* lead after 45 seconds on the way to a 4-1 (7-3 aggregrate) win over Fife Flyers. Roy Halpin of Dundee continued to torment Durham Wasps, adding six goals to the 14 he got last week. Dundee recovered from a 4-2 deficit at the end of the first period to win 12-7 (36-8 aggregate). "It took a while before we got the bus out of our legs", Halpin explained.

Durham's reputation for unpredictable and unprovoked violence mystifies Dundee, who have met them three times this season. "We haven't encountered any problems", Halpin said. "It was good, hard-hitting hockey. We didn't see any use of the stick".

Streatham Redskins, another of the British championship contenders, won twice away from home over the weekend. Their top scorer, Gary Stefan, scored three goals in their 5-4 win at Billingham and five in their 13-1 victory at Southampton.

RESULTS: Spring Cup, semi-finals, second leg: Durham Wasps 7, Dundee Rockets 12; Murrayfield Racers 4, Fife Flyers 1. Ben Truman Cup: Southampton Vikings 1, Streatham 13. Cleveland Cup: Billingham Bombers 3, Streatham Redskins 5. Tour games: Macknight (Calgary) 11, Nottingham Panthers 4; Trans Air Rangers 6, Nottingham 11; Trans Air 6, Nottingham 9.

VOLLEYBALL

Scots take tenth place

Scotland beat Norway 3-1 (15-3, 9-15, 15-7, 15-1) to take 10th place in the women's section of the Spring Cup, the premier *Westen* European Volleyball tournament, in Belgium at the weekend.

Earlier, the Scots had lost to the host nation, 3-0 (6-15, 8-15, 8-15) but they finished the tournament satisfied that progress had been made. For England it was a disappointing tournament, having to be content with 12th place out of the 17 competing nations. England lost to both Norway and Belgium. Ann Jarvis, of Hillingdon, one of England's leading players, was injured

Final entries have now closed for the annual Rucanor Festival, held over the Spring Bank Holiday at Ounsdale School, Wombourne, in Staffordshire. More than a hundred teams have entered, including ten from overseas, among them the holders, PVC Blokkeer of the Netherlands.

They will have stern opposition in the senior men's tournament from Kuwait Airways, MIM, the Scottish champions, and Speedwell Rucanor.

CYCLING

Breath of Ayr for Doyle

Professional riders filled the first three places in the Girvan three-day race, which ended yesterday *with* Tony *Doyle* (Viscount) winning for the second year in succession John Wilcockson writes. There was a field of 80 riders, only 20 of them professional. The final 75 miles stage, which contained six tough climbs in the Airshire hills, was won by Ian Bambury.

Doyle won only a single stage, the short circuit race on Saturday evening, but this was sufficient for him to win on overall time, seven seconds ahead of Thomas, with Dudley Hayton another 14 seconds in arrears.

The other two stages were won by amateurs. David Miller (Chesterfield) won the opening 70 miles stage from the professional, Ian Greenhalgh, and Des Fretwell, racing for England, out-sprinted a group of 15 men who ended the 98-miles stage on Sunday more than 15 minutes ahead of the main bunch.

It was a successful weekend for Doyle, the former professional pursuit champion, who beat the Danish rider, Hans Henrik Oersted in a special 4,000-metre pursuit match at Herne Hill stadium on Good Friday.

GERVAN RACE: Final stage: 1, I Banbury (Coventry Eagle), 3:10.33; 2, P Thomas (Galli), 3:10.33; 3, N Bloor (Chesterfield), 3:10.33. Overall position: 1, A Doyle (Viscount), 10:41.30; 2, Thomas, 10:41.37; 3, D Hayton (Moducell), 10:41.51; 4, P Curran (England), 10:43.01.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hull thundering up in a three-horse race

By Keith Macklin

Two defeats in four days by Widnes have ruined the holiday for the League leaders and opened up a cliffhanger finish for the championship, sponsored by Slalom Lager. While Widnes were missing chances and losing 16-21 at home to St Helens, Hull continued their rampant form to win 46-3 at York. Leigh, level on points with Hull, two points behind Widnes, beat Warrington 30-18 and helped to set up the most fascinating championship three-horse finish.

Hull found gaps in the York defence with ridiculous ease in the first half and were 25 points up in half an hour. Topliss and Evans two big international signings who are just finding their peak as Wembley approaches, shared five tries and Crooks kicked five goals.

York showed a little more spirit in the second half and got a try through Pryce, but Hull always had reserves of pace and power and restored their grip *with* tries from Evans (two), Banks, Day and Duke and three more goals from Crooks. Hull have now scored more than 100 points in three games in less than a week and their points difference is superior to that of Widnes and Leigh.

Widnes needed to beat St Helens to retain their overall two points advantage, having played a game more than both Leigh and Hull. However, they lost the derby game at Naughton Park after trailing 11-12 at half time. Both sides scored four tries but Myler was again in poor goal-kicking form and Wright knocked on in front of an open line.

St Helens seized their chances and Holding scored two fine tries. Heggarty and Arkwright also touched down, Griffiths kicked four goals and Pinner dropped a goal. For Widnes Hulme scored two tries and Foy and Basnett one each Myler landed two goals but missed several easy ones.

The man of the match for Leigh was Wood, who kicked nine goals in nine attempts to provide the margin of difference aginst Warrington. Each side scored four tries but Hesford could only land three goals and, to complete an unhappy afternoon for Hesford, he was sent off following a tackle on Tavern. The Leigh tries came from Drummond, Fox, Green and Potter, While Warrington's tries came from *Fellows (two),* Scott and Chisnall.

The hookers Ward and Bridges were sent off as Bradford Northern won revenge in the derby game at Odsal by twenty points to ten. In another important top eight game Barrow missed a golden opportunity by losing to the bottom club Whitehaven, and Warrington, despite the defeat at Leigh seem likely to slip into the eighth place.

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern 20, Leeds 10; Leigh 30, Warrington 18; Whitehaven 12, Barrow 6; Widnes 16, St Helens 21; Wigan 19, Fulham 4; York 3 Hull 46.
SECOND DIVISION: Batley 8, Dewsbury 12; Blackpool Borough 31, Huyton 16; Oldham 20, Salford 10; Swinton 13, Rochdale Hornets 14.

Firmly ahead on merit

Wakefield 25 — Waterloo 6

A resounding victory over Waterloo at College Grove yesterday placed Wakefield firmly at the head of the Northern Merit table, a position from which they cannot now be moved. They are *the first Yorkshire* club to earn this distinction, Steve Elliott writes.

Waterloo were soon 12 points down. Harrison opened the scoring with a blind side try following a fierce crash ball run by Barley. After Rawnsley had converted, Moran dropped a goal and Rawnsley kicked a penalty.

A brilliant side-stepping run by King for Waterloo was fittingly crowned by his try which Carfoot converted, but Moran's second drop goal made it 15-6 at the interval. Now Wakefield had to face the considerable wind with the issues still just in doubt, but it was not long so. Hay went off with a shoulder injury, his place in Waterloo's back row being taken by Taylor and after Rawnsley had kicked his second penalty, a cheeky interception by the speedy Harrison led to a try which stretched their lead to 22-6.

Shuttleworth added a penalty to close Wakefield's scoring and in the closing stages Waterloo hammered away at the Wakefield line but could not even engineer a consolation try.

RACING

National Hunt results

Newton Abbot

2.30: 1, Raldir (4-5 fav); 2, Water Rock (11-2); 3, Wambdon Hill (20-1). 9 ran.
3.05: 1, A Tuneful Song (4-1); 2, Sombrero (5-2 fav); 3, Hasty's Gold (6-1). 10 ran. NR: Maurice's Tip.
3.40: 1, Courtneigh (5-1); 2, Comb Lad (12-1); 3, Sleepless Knave (7-2). Doucement 3-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: The Rector.
4.15: 1, Lunar Maid (12-1); 2, Dull Light (12-1); 3, Joss-stick (6-1). Tiebreaker 6-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Hibarian, Know Other Love, Willing's Promise.
4.50: 1, Barrough Hill Lad (4-5 fav); 2, Giddycan (2-1); 3, Rosskel (33-1). 13 ran.
5.25: 1, Romwell (6-1); 2, Croydon Hall (4-1); 3, Been Mugged (6-1). Hill Green 5-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Go Diana, Lorenzo Loo, Quenlock Mauger.

Wetherby

2.0: 1, Lottie Lehmann (8-1); 2, Buxton Road (8-1); 3, Firebourg (20-1). Falling Schnell (12-1). Bevel 4-1 fav. NR: Barley Moss, Barleycroft Star. 24 ran.
2.35: 1, Cash in Hand (11-10 fav); 2, Box of Tricks (12-1); 3, Burma Pink (14-1). 10 ran.
3.10: 1, Don't Forget (5-1); 2, Whiggle Geo (7-2); 3, Fortina's Express (7-1). Earthstopper 2-1 fav. 10 ran.
3.45: 1, Righthand Man (4-6 fav); 2, Sido II (6-1); 3, Canny Danny (6-1). 16 ran. NR: Relkozini.
4.20: Onapromise (10-1); 2, Direct Line (5-1); 3, My Buck (15-8 fav). 8 ran.
4.55: 1, Sala Bala (1-2 fav); 2, Raperon (11-2); 3, Sicilian Secret (9-2). 8 ran.

Carlisle

2.15: 1, Auarach (11-2); 2, Kelpie (4-1); 3, Cool Andy (7-2). L O Broadway 2-1 fav. 12 ran.
2.45: 1, Old Head (14-1); 2, Bucksome (4-1); 3, Threlkeld Hall (9-4 jt fav). Bourbon Street 9-4 jt fav. 6 ran.
3.15: 1, Tally Boy (2-1 fav); 2, Mellort Bay (12-1); 3, Better Red (7-1). 22 ran. NR: Dally, Miss Mayo.
3.45: 1, Beau Brigg (12-1); 2, Pretty Boy Floyd (8-1); 3, Nodane (8-1); 4, Come On Steve (14-1). Kilroy Manor 4-1 fav. 17 ran.
4.15: 1, Easter Bear (6-1); 2, Heathers Pet (8-1); 3, Silver Valley (9-1). Saucy 11-10 fav. 10 ran.
4.45: 1, Young Sagert (11-2); 2, Architrade (8-1); 3, Inkerman (5-1). Regal Rebel 5-2 fav. 8 ran. NR Locker Chimes.

Uttoxeter

2.15: 1, King's Brig (4-7 fav); 2, Coldtric (2-1); 3, Mon Beaux (25-1). 8 ran: NR: Arctic Gypsy, Paddy's Taxi.
2.50: 1, Very Friendly (8-1); 2, London Journal (7-2 fav); 3, Rub On (6-1). 15 ran. NR: Equity.
3.25: 1, Rigton Beau (7-1); 2, Bleathwood (20-1); 3, Prince Bai (4-1). Visconti 7-2 fav. 13 ran. NR: Father Flash, It And When.
4.0: 1, Broncho's Cousin (7-4 fav); 2, Gold Caste (9-2); 3, Lively Fella (11-2). 7 ran. NR: Landslide, Master Blaster.
4.35: 1, *Snow Buck* (9-2); 2, *Trojan Walk* (7-2); 3, Belle of the West (14-1). Churchill Peak 3-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Echo Summit.
5.10: 1, Reckless Philip (11-4); 2, Normandy Lad (3-1); 3, French Cooking (5-1). Celtic Brew 5-2 fav. 15 ran. NR: Country Ranch.
5.45: 1, Fair Arthur (13-8); 2, Fancy Fellow (33-1); 3, Rough-Cast (8-1). 9 ran.

Wincanton

2.15: 1, Broad Principle (11-4); 2, Darymoss (11-2); 3, The County Stone (20-1). London Haze 5-4 fav. 18 ran. NR: Kandacombe, Golden Brigadier.
2.50: 1, Loanan (4-5); 2, Great Raven (12-1); 3, Tompion (5-2). 9 ran. NR: Studland.
3.25: 1, Sparkling Tarqua (11-4); 2, The Herb (3-1); 3, Frosty Park (16-1). Tarantula 2-1 fav. 7 ran.
4.0: 1, Calinago (3-1); 2, What a Mint (33-1); 3, Brooks Law (33-1). Knighthood 5-2 fav. 11 ran.
4.35: 1, Piping Reed (4-1); 2, Brewster (8-1); 3, Tango Shandy (11-2). De Pluvinel 5-2 fav. 11 ran.
5.10: 1, Tree Lad (4-1); 2, Combs Ditch (8-11 fav); 3, Star Member (5-1). 9 ran. NR: Wheatclose.
5.45: 1, French Polly (11-1); 2, Shady Nook (9-2); 3, Cold Winters (9-4 Fav). 19 ran. NR: Ballylee, Don Sabreur, Master Gregalach, Tiebreaker.

Hereford

2.15: 1, Pin Tuck (14-1); 2, Telestar (10-1); 3, Artic Rascal (3-1 fav); 4, Bark Sky (12-1). 16 ran. NR Henley Swan.
2.50: 1, Dobsons Choice (16-1); 2, Robert Blae (14-1); 3, Whistling Angus (16-1). Up Country 11-10 fav. 16 ran. NR: quickthorn.
3.25: 1, Pucka Rells (7-2 fav); 2, dht Harwell Abbey (6-1) and Dawn Fox (14-1). 14 ran.
4.0: 1, Royal Friend (11-4 fav); 2, Tartan Heath (3-1); 3, Coney Glen (3-1). 12 ran.
4.35: 1, Gusty's Gift (4-6 fav); 2, Going Strait (5-1); 3, Somay (7-1). 16 ran. NR: Tinker's Trip.
5.05: 1, Chancer's Last (3-1); 2, Berton Costow (2-1 fav); 3, Heriot (3-1). 11 ran.
5.35: 1, Assured (4-1); 2, Walford Court (5-1); 3, Royal Guide (2-1 fav). 12 ran.
6.05: 1, Tom Tailor (10-1); 2, Brave Descent (20-1); 3, Plume D'Or (4-1). Kilbrennan 13-8 fav. 20 ran.

Towcester

2.00: 1, Most Fun 11-10 fav); 2, Staggerers Lady (10-1); 3, Combe Hill (33-1). 18 ran.
2.30: 1, Far Bridge (3-1); 2, Bobtree (7-1); 3, Paper Rich (5-2). Master Oryx 2-1 fav. 16 ran.
3.0: 1, Tee Up (5-2); 2, Sir Bryn (7-4 fav); 3, Jack Madness (4-1). 9 ran.
3.30 1, Askos (9-4 fav); 2, Dunrose (33-1); 3, Spaced Out (7-2). 8 ran.
4.00 1, Yalu (2-1); 2, Scroggy (11-2); only two finished. Superbreaks (6-4 fav); 5 ran. NR: Saint Taffy.
4.30 1, Jubilee Medal (7-4 fav); 2, Leading Artist (20-1); 3, Versailles Prince (10-1). 8 ran.
5.00 1, Another Generation (4-5 fav); 2, Old Knocker (3-1); 3 Runwich Prospect (10-1); 12 ran.

Plumpton

2.15: 1, Coral Leisure (7-1); 2, Thurston (2-1 fav); 3, Lawrence-Lee (5-1). 16 ran. NR: Do Tell Us, Ickworth Park.
2.45: 1, Feature (15-8 fav); 2, Roman Bistro (11-1); 3, Henfold Lad (7-2). 11 ran.
3.15: 1, Full Value (9-4 fav); 2, Maurice's Tip (7-2); 3, Summercove (10-1). 14 ran.
3.45: 1, Full Sutton (3-1 fav); 2, Lucky Runner (10-1); 3, Merry Meadow (12-1). 12 ran.
4.15: 1, Berkeley Lad (6-1); 2, Mon's Beau (100-30 fav); 3, Barron's Leap; 4, Opening Night (10-1). 18 ran.
4.45: 1, Jassin (7-1); 2, Tender Angus (11-10 fav); 3, Beggars Bush (14-1). 17 ran. NR: Violino Fandango.
5.15 1, Great Oak(11-8 fav); 2, Master Ken (20-1); 3, Ashleigh Boy (3-1); 13 Ran.

Market Rasen

2.15: 1, Leinam (9-4); 2, Cardinal's Outburst (11-2); 3, Corby Glen (7-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Bulgaden.
2.50: Count Fernando (6-1); 2, Michaelmas Daisy (3-1 fav); 3, Go Lissava (8-1). 13 ran.
3.25: Mac's Delight (7-4); 2, Tudor Bob (7-1); 3 Morning Line (6-4 fav). 7 ran.
4 0: 1, Drops o'Brandy (4-9 fav); 2, Game Bid (6-1); 3, Early Thirties (14-1). 8 ran.
4.35: 1, State Councellor (9-2); 2, Prince of Spain (11-4); 3, Capvista (13-2). Supreme Vista 5-2 fav. 11 ran. NR: Pulham Venture.
5.10: 1, Warren Gorse (11-4); 2, Aberaing (4-9 fav); 3, Brookfield (9-1). 4 ran.

Fakenham

2 15: 1, Temoke (10-1); 2, Rosie's Secret (6-2 fav); 3, Errantry (7-2). 12 ran.
2.50: 1, Roundtown (5-1); 2, Mr Mellors (1-2 fav); 3, Barnap (7-2). 8 ran.
3.25: 1, Andy Rew (5-1); 2, Joemolf (5-1); 3, King's Piccolo (7-2). 12 ran.
4.0: 1, Admiral Grenville (10-1); 2, City Link Express (14-1); 3, Quillery (8-1); 13 ran NR Highland Linnet and Horkey.
4.35: 1, Lakda (8-11); 2, Just Like That (20-1); 3, Ballyard Slipper (3-1); 7 ran.
5.10, 1, Prince Carlton (3-1); 2, French Rebel (5-1); 3, Grand Armagnac (7-1). Golden Jest 2-1 fav. 7 ran.

Huntingdon

2.00: 1, Jeanne Du Barry (7-2); 2, Gianloranzo (9-2); 3, Danzer Pasha (12-1). Bendolus 2-1 fav. 13 ran.
2.30: 1, Killer Shark (4-5) 2, Denion (9-1); 3, Ballygarvey (25-1). 11 ran.
3.00: 1, Kintbury (5-1); 2, Lucky Mistake (20-1); 3, Abo Ace (9-4 fav). 13 ran.

Longchamp results

PRIX DE LA GROTTE (Group III: 3-y-o Fillies: £13,736: 1m

RIVER LADY, ch f by Riverman — Prudent *Miss (R Sangster) 9-2 ..... L Piggott* 1
Exclusive Order c ..... M Philipperon 2
Typhoon Polly ..... G Dubroeuco 3

PARI-MUTUEL: Win 1 60fr; Pl, 1.10, 1 40, 2.10 Dual F: 3.10 F Bontin. 2½l, 2l. Kastilya 4th. 9 ran

PRIX GREFFULHE (Group II: 3-y-o: £22,894: 1m 2½f)

Bois de Grace, b c by Luthier - Tatarette (Baron Guy de Rothchild) 9-2 .. H Samani 1
Nabirpour ..... Y Saint-Martin 2
Cadoudal ..... J L Kessas

PARI-MUTUEL: Win. 6.00fr: Pl, 1.70, 1.50, 1.50 Dual F: 12.90. F Mathet. Hd, nose. Alfred's Choice 4th. 9ran.

RACING: FIRST DAY OF NEWMARKET CRAVEN MEETING

Simply Great to prove his class

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

True to tradition the Craven Stakes is the centrepiece of the programme on this the first day of the three-day Craven meeting. It has been sponsored by Ladbrokes Leisure again along with the handicap that precedes it. Twelve months ago this classic trial produced one of the big surprises of the season when To-Agori-Mou, who subsequently won the 2,000 Guineas, just failed to beat Kind of Hush even though he started at 100-30 on.

Today his trainer, Guy Harwood, will be hoping for better things from Norwick, who also took high rank in the European two-year-old classification last season, having finished second in France's most important race for two-year-olds, the Grand Criterium, besides winning the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot and four other lesser races. However, in this instance there are grounds for thinking that Harwood may again leave the course a disappointed man. For no-one should be surprised if Norwick fails to give 5lb to Lester Piggott's mount, Simply Great.

Although he is now third favourite in most betting lists on the 2,000 Guineas Simply Great sports a pedigree that is much more in keeping with the Dervy. I am looking to him to provide a valuable pointer to Epsom by winning this afternoon. The really encouraging thing about Simply Great is that he shows so much speed at home for one bred to stay a mile and a half.

This spring his homework with the likes of Cajun, who won the Middle Park Stakes last Autumn; the Horris Hill Stakes third, Match Winner, and Ivano, who won the Houghton Stakes has convinced both Henry Cecil and Piggott that his total and utter eclipse in last year's Dewhurst Stakes was little more than a nightmare and best forgotten. Simply Great looked dull in his coat that day and it transpired that he ran a temperature later that evening.

Simply Great had won his only previous race nicely enough, but more important he had shown himself to be pretty smart at home as early as July before he had the misfortune to suffer from the chronic skin disease which caused much of his hair to fall out. Those who abide by handicappers' ratings, public and private, will point to Simply Great facing a monumental task this afternoon — he is currently rated 28lb below Norwick and a stone and a half behind Silver Hawk and Wattlefield, to name but three of his rivals this afternoon.

Silver Hawk looked good at Kempton last September, when he won the Solario Stakes in record time, beating the subsequent Horris Hill Stakes winner, Montekin, by five lengths. However, he in his turn was then beaten three lengths by Norwick at Ascot three weeks later. That was probably not a fair reflection of Silver Hawk and I expect to see him take high rank later in the season when he tackles middle distances. The word from Newmarket is that he will need the race today.

On a line through Cajun Simply Great should certainly account for the Middle Park Stakes third, Wattlefield, whatever else he does. Judged on form alone there should be precious little between Nioulargo and Skytrick, who were locked together in a desperate finish at the end of a nursery on this course in the autumn.

Simply Great is one of four fancied runners that Piggott will ride for Cecil today. The others are Victory House (2.0) Military Band (2.30) and Vadrouille (4.35). Victory House, who showed promise in his only race last spring before he went wrong has the newcomer, Battle Hymn, to beat in the Stetchworth Maiden Stakes.

Military Band is likely to find the shorter distance of the Swaffham Handicap more to his liking than the Cesarewitch in which his stamina gave out towards the end and he finished only third. Finally, Lahab, a $1m yearling, has shown sufficient ability on Newmarket Heath to suggest he will win the Stuntney Maiden Stakes.

Yesterday was an unhappy day for Tony Murray at the start of this, his first full season race riding in England for seven years. After finishing second on Yukon Star in the Redshank Filly Stakes, Murray was found guilty of careless riding by the stewards, who disqualified Yukon Star and then stood him down for six days from April 21 to 26 inclusive.

The camera patrol film of the race taken both from head-on and side-on showed all too clearly that he had badly hampered Pat Eddery on the favourite Acantha after only a furlong and a half. Later in the afternoon Murray finished tailed off on the hitherto unbeaten filly Dancing Rocks who started favourite for the Masaka Stakes. Dancing Rocks looked very distressed when she was unsaddled and in the surprising absence of any official action, her trainer's son, Geoffrey Wragg, commissioned a private dope test.

The race in question was won most decisively by Time Charter, who was Henry Candy's third winner from only four runners this season. Afterwards, Candy confirmed that she would take her chance in the 1,000 Guineas.

□ Sandhurst Prince, deposed as favourite for the 2,000 Guineas after his flop at Kempton Park on Saturday, returned home to Pulborough perfectly all right and ate up well, Guy Harwood, the trainer said yesterday. He will see how Sandhurst Prince gets on in the next few days before deciding on his next move.



Capricorn Line coasts home from Le Soleil at Kempton to earn a run in Chester's Ormonde Stakes.

River Lady cruises home for Piggott

From Desmond Stoneham
Paris, April 12

River Lady was the only horse to give Lester Piggott a winning ride at Longchamp this afternoon and she did so quite brilliantly in the one mile Prix de la Grotte. Taking over the lead from her pacemaker, Pasadoble, two furlongs from the post, River Lady immediately accelerated clear of her rivals and was eased before defeating Exclusive Order by two and a half lengths with Typhoon Polly a further two lengths away, third.

Piggott described River Lady, the 10-6 favourite, as a really good filly who should stay further. The immediate plan is to run her in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1,000 Guineas) in early May before the longer Prix Sain-Alary and Prix de Diane de Revlon (French Oaks) at Chantilly in mid-June. A Fr 1.8m yearling at Deauville in 1980, River Lady is a half-sister to No Lute, who won last year's Prix Lupin, was disqualified from first place in the Prix Greffulhe and is now in training with Henry Cecil at Newmarket.

Rather backward in the paddock, Exclusive Order put up a fine performance to finish second cosidering she had not seen a racecourse since last September. Exclusive Order is known to like straight tracks and good ground so she will make her next appearance at Newmarket in the 1,000 Guineas. Last season, Exclusive Order beat the current second favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, Play It Safe, half a length in the Prix du Calvados at Deauville.

Cadoudal was a somewhat surprising 6-4 favourite for the Prix Greffulhe, which went to the 5-1 chance, Bois de Grace, who was ridden by Henri Samani. The colt battled throughout the final furlong with his stablemate Nabirpour, who was eventually beaten by a head.

Bois de Grace was carrying the colours of the Baron Guy de Rothschild to victory in the Greffulhe for the fourth time. The colt is now a likely runner for the one and a half mile Prix Hocquart in May when he will again meet Hadoudal.

Swimmingly, by two and a half lengths

By Michael Seely

Gay Kelleway was the heroine of the afternoon at Nottingham yesterday. Only six weeks ago the 18-year-old daughter of Paul Kelleway sustained a hairline fracture to her pelvis when she was kicked by a two-year-old. She was on crutches until a fortnight ago. Since then Miss Kelleway has been unable to ride a horse and kept fit by swimming and yet there she was driving her father's horse, Yeled, home to win the Nottingham Amateur Riders' Stakes decisively by two and a half lengths.

Yeled started at 8-1 yesterday. At Doncaster recently the four-year-old was backed down from 25-1 to 10-1 in the race won by Telsmoss but could finish only eighth. He made no mistake on this occasion, taking up the running approaching the straight and going clear in the last two furlongs to win unchallenged. Kelleway was not present to see his daughter's triumph as the Newmarket trainer was watching Sweet and Sugar run in France.

Last season's champion trainer, Michael Stoute, had his second winner of 1982 when Peter Perkins brought First Mint from an impossible position to win the Clumber Guaranteed Sweepstakes by two lengths from Master Carl. First Mint appeared to swerve across the second after he had taken up the running. The stewards held an inquiry and decided that although interference had taken place, it had been accidental and had not affected the result. The placings were therefore allowed to remain unaltered.

Henry Cecil, who finished runner-up to Stoute in last season's trainer's table, also struck his first blow of the season when Dame de Fer won the last race at Warwick.

Another Newmarket trainer, Tom Jones, continued in fine form when Paul Cook drove Godstruth home half a length infront of Small Boy in the Robin Hood Stakes. Godstruth certainly desrved a change of luck as the Godswalk colt finished runner up in four of his last six races in 1981. This victory gave Jones his third success of the season.

Alan Jarvis's horses are also running well. And the Royston trainer had his third two-year-old winner of the campaign when John Seagrave and Sir Alco proved just too strong for Leadenhall Lad in the Little John Stakes. "He was a bit green when first asked to go about his business," Jarvis said, "But he did it well when he got the idea."

The day's feature race the Phil Taylor Handicap, resulted in a victory for Winter Wind, who was defying a penalty for his recent win at Catterick. Ridden by Bruce Raymond, Winter Wind quickened in fine style to lead entering the last furlong and battled on strongly to repel the renewed challenge of Swinging Rhythm.

In the Welsh Champion Hurdle at Chepstow Ekbalco at last gained a reward for his consistency when John O'Neill brought the six-year-old with a perfectly timed run to catch Pollardstown in the last stride of an exciting race.

Roger Fisher was not at the races but his assistant, Dudley Moffatt said: "This is Jonjo's ride from now on. We may go for the Royal Doulton Handicap Hurdle at Haydock." This was Ekbalco's first win since romping home in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle back in November.

Broadsword finished third but was beaten between the last two flights. Fra Mau on the other hand was going as well as the other leaders when he fell at the second last. His jockey Edwin Brooke was taken to Frenchay Hospital.

Mercy Rimell and Peter Scudamore started the afternoon in fine style by winning the Daily Mirror Punters' Club Novices Chase with Celtic Isle and the Panama Cigar Hurdle Final with Gaye Brief. Scudamore later won on Eastern Line and Midnight Song as well.

After Gaye Brief had shown a fine burst of speed to go clear of Ryeman on the run-in Mrs Rimell said: "I was very pleased with that. If Gaye Brief continues to improve at the same rate as he has done this season he could well become a contender of next year's champion hurdle."

STATE OF GOING official: Wetherby: Good to firm. Newmarket: Good. Uttoxeter: Good. Chepstow: Good to soft. Warwick: Good. Tomorrow: Pontefract: Good. Hexham: Good.

Newman and King Spruce foil gamble

From Our Irish Correspondent
Dublin, April 12

A surprise gamble on Fethard Friend, backed down to 6-1 joint favourite with Royal Bond in yesterday's Jameson Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse held every prospect of sucess as Frank Berry's mount took up the running after the third last fence, jumped the final fence fractionally ahead of King Spruce and went a length clear. However, King Spruce, under persistent pressure from Gerry Newman, kept finding extra, got the better of the leader with less than 100 yards to go and won by two lengths. Last Suspect took third place for the second year running.

King Spruce is owned by an American amateur rider, "Rusty" Carrier, and trained for him by Michael O'Brien a former leading jump jockey in the United States until his career was brought to an end by a severe accident in the Carolina Cup which left him paralysed.

Two years ago King Spruce was a promising novice but he went wrong in his wind and he had to be operated on for a soft palate. Since coming back into training he has managed to win only once, but there were signs of a return to form when on his previous start at Navan he was runner-up to Drumlargan.

Drumlargan was going strongly in the lead yesterday until making a disastrous blunder at the third last fence from which he failed to recover, eventually finishing fifth. His jockey, Tommy Ryan, expressed his belief afterwards that if Drumlargan had not made this mistake he would have beaten King Spruce again.

3 20 (3 21) JAMESON IRISH GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap £29,717: 3½m).

KING SPRUCE b g Menelek-Fugal Maid (R Carrier) . . . G Newman (20-1) 1
Fethard Friend . . . F Berry (6-1 j fav) 2
Last Suspect . . . K Morgan (12-1) 3

Tote Win 11 86 Places: 62p 28p 25p CFS £13 72 Tricast £141 00 M O'Brien. 21, 61 Royal Bond 6-1 jt-fav Owens Image (14-1) 4th 25 ran NR Fenian Gold

Newmarket programme

Tote double: 3 0 and 4.5. Treble. 2.30, 3.30 and 4.35.
[Television (ITV): 2.30, 3.0 and 3 30.

2.0 STETCHWORTH STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £3,340. 6f) (15 runners).

101		BATTLE HYMN (Mrs D Abbott) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey 9
103	0	BLUE AGAIN (Mrs B Dash) N Callaghan 9-0	P Eddery 3
105	4420-0	GAVO (C Shack) P Kelleway 9-0	S Cauthen 4
106		GOD'S IMAGE (D Major) I Walker 9-0	— 15
107	40-	HIGH REALM (M Fustok) M Albina 9-0	A Murray 11
108	200-	NORTHORPE (C Tham) G Huffer 9-0	B Crossley 6
109	0-	ROSSETT (M Toller) J Toller 9-0	P Young 1
111	30-	RUFFO (C St George) H Price 9-0	E Hide 10
113	0	SPECTRAL (W Grodley) C Brittain 9-0	W Carson 7
114	00-	SUPER GRASS (S Fraser) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn 5
115	00000-	SYLLOGIZER (W Gredley) F Durr 9-0	— 12
116	3-	VICTORY HOUSE (L Freedman) H Cecil 9-0	L Piggott 8
118	4-4-	FLORENCIA (Brig. Sir J Darrell) G Gordon 8-11	G Duffield 14
119	422-	ROSE DU SOIR (R Sangster) J Hindley 8-11	B Taylor 13
120	0-	ROSTRA (Col A Taylor) M Smyly 8-11	P Cook 2

3 Gavo, 9-2 Victory House, Rose Du Soir, 6 Ruffo, Super Grass, Battle Hymn, 12 High Realm 16 others.

2 30 SWATTHAM HANDICAP (£2,955. 1¾m) (8)

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3.0 LADBROKE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,817: 7f) (7)

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3.30 CRAVEN STAKES (Group III: 3-y-o c&g: £12,008: 1m) (9).

401	112124-	NORWICK (D) (J Brodie) G Harwood 8-12	G Starkey 7
402	010-	ANSTRUTHER (Mrs P Mills) D Ringer 8-7	G Baxter 2
403	124-	CODRINGTON (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 8-7	S Cauthen 5
404	021111-	NIOULARGO (CD) (Mrs A Reid) R Armstrong 8-7	B Raymond 6
406	1212-	SILVER HAWK (M Albina) P Haslam 8-7	A Murray 1
407	10-	SIMPLY GREAT (C) (D Wildenstein) H Cecil 8-7	L Piggott 3
408	12-	SKYTRICK (N Hunt) L Cumani 8-7	P Eddery 4
410	01103-	WATTLEFIELD (J Greetham) M Stoute 8-7	W R Swinburn 8
411	244-	WONGCHOL (S Wong) E Eldin 8-7	W Carson 9

5-2 Simply Great, 7-2 Norwick, 6 Silver Hawk, 7 Wattlefield, 8 Codrington, 14 Nioulargo, Skytrick, 16 Wongchol, 25 Anstruther

FORM: Norwick (9st 0lb) led 3f out, soon headed, 4th, btn 2l, to Count Pahlen (level) 13 ran Doncaster. Oct 24, 1m good. Codrington (9-0) stayed on, Never Dangerous 4th btn 8 ¾l, to Wind and Wuthering (level) with Simply Great (level) beaten over 2f out, 7th, btn further 5 ¾l. 9 ran. Newmarket, Oct 16, 7f, good Nioulargo (9-7) all out, won sh hd, 3l from Skytrick (ec 2lb) led over 1f out until inside final f and Parthia's Picture (rec 7lb). 13 ran. Newmarket. Sep 30. 1m, good Silver Hawk lost ground on turn stayed on again, 2nd, btn 3l to Norwick (level) made all with Lobkowiez (level) nk away 3rd. 9 ran Ascot, Sept, 1m, yielding. wattlefield (9-0) no extra final f, 3rd, btn ¾l, nk, to Cajun (level) and Lucky Hunter (level) 13 ran Newmarket. Oct 1, 6l. good.

SELECTION: Silver Hawk

4.05 STUNTNEY STAKES (2-y-o maiden c & g: £2,481: 5f) (9)

501		ARROWOOD BOB (R Smith) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	Mark Rimmer 3 5
504		GENERAL CONCORDE (C Rogers) R Hannon 9-0	P Cook 6
505		HUTTON GLORY (R Griffiths) I Walker 9-0	— 8
505		LAHAB (Sheikh Mohammed) F Durr 9-0	G Starkey 2
509	2	PENTLAND JAVELIN (S Hill) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks 9
511		SUPER RIVER (R Takkoo) J Hindley 9-0	B Taylor 4
512		SYDETZKY (Mrs G Maloney) C Brittain 9-0	W Carson 7
513		THE NOBLE PLAYER (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	S Cauthen 3
514		TYPESET (Brian Norman Associates) Mrs J Reavey 9-0	T Rogers 1

5-2 Super River, 3 The Noble Player, 4 Lahab, 6 Pentland Javelin, 10 Sydetzky, 12 General Concorde, 14 Arrowood Bob, 16 others

4.35 ELVEDEN STAKES (£3,672: 7f) (17)

601		AMAH ROCK (J North) P Haslam 8-11	P Perkins 12
603	23-	BUNDU (Sir P Oppenheimer) H Wragg 8-11	B Crossley 5
604		CLAP IN TIME (Dr G Villa) L Cumani 8-11	G Starkey 11
605	3-	DIONE (D Prenn) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson 13
608	0-	FARM LANE (E Moller) H Wragg 8-11	P Eddery 6
609	3-	FLICKER TO FLAME (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11	S Cauthen 9
611		HONEY MAY (J Cuthbert) G Huffer 8-11	M Miller 16
612	-03-2	JAQUINTA (Sir K Butt) B Hobbs 8-11	G Baxter 3
613		KARDAMYLA (Capt M Lemos) B Hanbury 8-11	B Raymond 7
618	000400-	MOOR HOUSE (A Wilkinson) B Hanbury 8-11	W R Swinburn 1
619	00-	MY ADRIANA (Mrs E Begonio) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	G Duffield 14
621	0-0	QUEEN OF MACEDON (M Fustok) M Albina 8-11	A Murray 17
623		SAINT CYNTHIA (Mrs E Burke) B Hanbury 8-11	P Young 4
624	000-	STICK IN THE MUD (N Wachman) Thomson Jones 8-11	P Cook 8
626		THE BUSINESS (P Glancy) P Haslam 8-11	G Ramshaw 10
627	03-	TIGER TRAP (E Kronfeld) I Balding 8-11	J Matthias 2
629	23-	VADROUILLE (D Wildenstein) H Cecil 8-11	L Piggott 15

5-4 Vadrouille, 7-2 Flicker To A Flame, 7 Jaquinta, 10 Dione, 14 Tiger Trap, Clap In Time, Farm Lane, Bundu, 16 others

Newmarket selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

2 0 Victory House. 2.30 Military Band. 3.0 Airspin. 3.30 Simply Great. 4.05 Lahab. 4.35 Flicker to a Flame.

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2.0 Victory House. 2.30 Military Band. 3.0 Tin Boy. 3.30 Simply Great. 4.05 Lahab. 4.35 Vadrouille.

Kempton Park results

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Warwick

2.15 AYLESFORD STAKES (Div I: 3-y-0 maiden c & g £620: 1m) (16 runners)

[illegible]

2.45 BIDFORD STAKES (2-y-o: selling: £521: 5f) (13)

[illegible]

3.15 KINGSWOOD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,077: 7f) (16)

[illegible]

3.45 COMPTON VERNEY STAKES (2-y-o maiden c & g: £662: 5f) (9)

[illegible]

4.15 COVENTRY HANDICAP (£2,983: 1½m 52yds) (9)

[illegible]

4.45 HASELEY HANDICAP (£1,223: 1m) (23)

[illegible]

5.15 AYLESFORD STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o maidens: £690: 1m) (16)

6	0-	CENTURION PRINCE P Felden 9-0	M Birch	16
8	0-	CORNISH MINER C James 9-0	R Fox	12
14	00-3	FAR SAHARA (B) R Smyth 9-0	—	8
16	0	KILDARE G Harwood 9-0	A Clark 3	14
17	000-	KNIGHTSBRIDGE BOY D Wilson 9-0	—	4
18	32-	LANTIC BAY P Walwyn 9-0	J Mercer	6
19	000-0	LISARDA W Guest 9-0	R P Elliott	7
21	00-	MANOR FARM LAD W O'Gorman 9-0	T Ives	2
24	0000-	PARTON GEORGE D Wintle 9-0	D Dineley	9
25	0-0	RINGTINGO (B) K Bridgwater 9-0	—	5
31	4-3	THE PAIN BARRIER J Sutcliffe 9-0	P Waldron	11
35	0	CHRISTMAS CRACKER D Wintle 8-11	A Launchbury	13
40	00-	MERCREDI L Holt 8-11	—	10
41	400-0	PAPERACER D Elsworth 8-11	—	1
44	00-	RUMPOLE M Blanshard 8-11	R Curant	15

7-4 Lantic Bay, 5-2 The Pain Barrier, 4 Far Sahara, 11-2 Kildare, 10 Sir Blessed, 14 others.

Warwick selections

By Michael Seely

2.15 Starful. 2.45 Arabella's Club. 3.15 Lavender Gray. 3.45 Blue Times. 4.15 Leonidas. 4.45 Hoodwink. 5.15 Lantic Bay.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Starful. 2.45 Hagen's Bargain. 3.15 Four For Music. 3.45 Blue Times. 4.45 McCarthy.

Wetherby NH

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Uttoxeter NH

2 15 HEDNESFORD OPPORTUNITY CHASE (Handicap: £1,284 2m 1f) (11 runners)

1 230 THE BAKER 12-12-1 —
2 110 MASTER MELODY 11-11-2 M Brennan 7
4 -003 GRAND TRIANON 10-10-12 J Harris

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19 001 MENAI MAN 8-10-0 R F Davies
21 341 AUCHENCATT 8-10-0 Hanson 7

3 Falkland Palace, 4 Poverty Bonk, 5 Tanora, 6 Repique

3 45 SIR GEOFFREY CONGREVE HUNTERS' CHASE (Amateurs £548: 3¼m) (5)

1 -111 COMPTON LAD 9-12-7 Mr D Browne
2 -411 LINENFOLD 11-12-7

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Nottingham

[illegible]

Newcastle

[illegible]

Chepstow NH

2.0 RAGLAN HURDLE (Div I: novices: £1,025: 3m) (14 runners)

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2.30 TINTERN CHASE (Handicap: £1,887: 2½m) (13)

[illegible]

3.0 CANTLIE HURDLE (Handicap: £1,520: 2m) (20)

[illegible]

3.30 WELSH CHAMPION CHASE (£10,882: 2½m) (7)

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4.0 J V LIKE LAND-ROVER HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,0002: 3m) (12)

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4.30 RAGLAN HURDLE (Div II: novices: £1,005: 3m) (17)

1	00010	JOHN SILVER D Wintle 6-11-11	J Watson 7
2	4401	SPARTAN DAISY N Henderson 6-11-11	Mrs D Henderson 4
3	-0441	LEDBURY LAD M Wilesmith 5-11-9	R Hyett
5	0000	BLUE TRUTH K Bishop 7-11-5	P Nicholls 7
6	4000	CULHAM W Sheedy 7-11-5	Mrs Linda Sheedy
7	3/000	DRAGON LASS D Eckley 8-11-5	B R Davies
9	0/p00	DYMOCK DUKE M Wilesmith 9-11-5	P Carroll
11	0000	HARVEST SUPPER J Gifford 7-11-5	R Rowe
13	0230	LIVE MIKE J Thorne 6-11-5	R Hoare
14	40p-0	NAUGHTY NEICE B Forsey 6-11-5	B Forsey
15	p0	PORTWAY SHANE F Smith 7-11-5	C Candy
17	-4000	WEALTH O'WILTSHIRE R Blakeney 8-11-5	W Newton 7
18	p0p0	WILD BEAUTY J Cobden 8-11-5	P Hobbs
19	0-030	WIN GREEN HILL J Old 6-11-5	Mr A J Wilson
20	0	BRILWOOD P Sheppard 5-11-3	Mr M Phillips 7
21	0404	MORE LAVENDER O O'Neill 5-11-3	J Suthern
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Chepstow selections

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... and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 1st day of April 1982.
P. MONJACK, Liquidator.

ROGER RAMM Limited.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a Meeting of the CREDITORS of Roger Ramm Limited, will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 3/4 Bentinck Street, London W1A 3BA, on Tuesday the 20th day of April, 1982, at 12 o'clock midday, for the purposes provided for in Sections 294 and 295.
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COMPAGNIE FINANCIERE DE SUEZ

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Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 12th day of May, 1982, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA of 3/4 Bentinck Street, London W1A 3BA, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required, by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 31st day of March 1982.
K. D. GOODMAN, Liquidator

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By Order of the Board.
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Today's television and radio programmes

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BBC 1

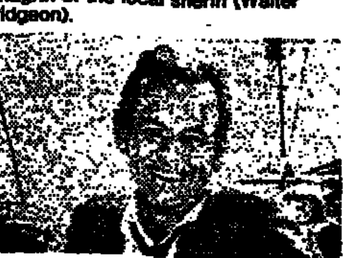
9.55 The Wombles. Another tale from the Wimbledon underworld (r). 10.00 Jackanory. Bernard Cribbins reads part two of The Spiral Stair by Joan Aiken (r). 10.15 Lassie in the Legend of the Coyote (r). 10.35 Why Don't You . . ? Children from Bristol with ideas for young people on holiday. 11.00 Closedown. 12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Moira Stuart. Weather prospects from Anne Purvis . 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report and news headlines with subtitles). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes a discussion on the future role of the family in society. 1.45 The Flumps. A See Saw programme for the very young (r). 2.00 Film: The Goose Steps Out* (1942) starring Will Hay. Schoolmaster William Potts is mistaken for German spy and becomes an agent for the British. 3.15 Songs of Praise from Wells Cathedral introduced by Geoffrey Wheeler (r). 3.53 Regional news (not London).

3.55 Play School. For the under-fives (shown earlier on BBC2).
4.20 The All New Popeye Show. Three cartoons starring the indestructible lascar
4.40 The Record Breakers with Roy Castle and Norris McWhirter (r).
5.05 Newsround with Paul McDowell
5.10 Break in the Sun. The final episode and Patsy runs away.
5.35 The Perishers with the voice of Leonard Rossiter (r).
5.40 News with Richard Baker. 6.00 South East at Six.
6.25 Nationwide. The first of a three programme report on the training and work of the Bomb Disposal Squads. Reporter John Hitchens spent a month with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps Learning about the different kinds of bombs used by terrorists, their impact and the cost in terms of human suffering.
6.55 Cartoon: Barney Bear in Flying Bear
7.05 Young Musician of the Year. The first of a new series to find an accomplished musician
7.40 Q.E.D. Light Creatures of the Night. A look at some luminous creatures.
8.10 Flesh and Blood. Drama serial about the owners and workers in a northern cement factory. Starring Thora Hird, Bill Fraser and Nigel Stock.

9.00 News
9.25 Plays for Tomorrow: Crimes by Caryl Churchill. Set in a personalised fall-out shelter in the year 2002 the story concerns the work of a prison psychiatrist dealing with a motley collection of wrongdoers at the same time having a crisis of conscience about his best friend. Starring T. P. McKenna and Julia Foster.
10.25 Snowdon on Camera. The first of two programmes with Lord Snowden talking to other photographers about their style (r).
11.03 News headlines.
11.05 Harry O starring David Janssen. The private detective helps Paul Sawyer, an architect with the habit of making enemies (r).
11.55 Weather.

BBC 2

11.00 Play School. For the under fives 11.25 Closedown. 3.40 Film: The Girl of the Golden West* (1938) starring Jeanette Macdonald and Nelson Eddy. A pretty saloon owner falls for a handsome, singing bandit, much to the chagrin of the local sheriff (Walter Pidgeon).



David Janssen: BBC 1 11.05pm

5.35 Hawk of the Wilderness.* Episode six of the thriller about the evil Solerno and his arch-enemy, the good and brave Hawk. Starring Herman Brix.
5.55 The Waltons. Wholesome tales about the folk of Walton's mountain.
6.40 One Hundred Great Paintings: Miracle of the True Cross by Carpaccio discussed by Alistair Smith.
6.50 News with subtitles.
6.55 Film: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (1966) starring Zero Mostel, Phil Silvers and Buster Keaton. A Richard Lester-directed romp based on the hit Broadway musical. New York's modern-day dialogue is transferred to first century Rome.
8.30 Top Gear introduced by William Woollard from the Gordano Motorway Service Area.

9.00 Pot Black. The play-off for third and fourth places sees Doug Mountjoy, last years runner-up in the World Championship, playing former World Champion Cliff Thorburn. The match is introduced by Alan Weeks and the commentator is Ted Lowe.
9.40 Fields of Play. In the fourth of five programmes about Play we hear about the role of the ball in our leisure pursuits.
10.45 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow, John Tusa and Donald MacCormick. The latest news from the Arts world is provided by Joan Bakewell and the inside stories in sport by David Icke and Marshall Lee. Ends at 11.35.

ITV/LONDON

9.30 World Famous Fairy Tales: The Farmer who became a Housewife. 9.45 Wild, Wild World of Animals. Spiders (r). 10.10 Cartoon: The Three Musketeers (r). 10.55 The First Day. Three students at university. 11.25 Paint Along with Nancy (r). 11.55 The Bubblies. 12.00 Button Moon (r). 12.10 Let's Pretend. For the very young. 12.30 The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during World War Two. 1.00 News with Peter Sissons. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Crown Court: On the Defensive, John Harper, an Army deserter, is accused of harming a small boy. 2.00 For Christ's Sake. A discussion on the law of blasphemy between Mary Whitehouse and the Dean of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, Keith Ward. In the chair is Anna Ford. 2.25 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces the Swaffham Handicap (2.30); Ladbroke Handicap (3.00) and the Craven Stakes (3.30). 3.45 Home Sweet Home. Enzo meets an old sweetheart.

4.15 Cartoon: Road Runner in There They Go-Go-Go.
4.20 On Safari in the studio with Gareth Hunt and Christopher Biggins.
4.45 CB TV — Channel 14. News, views and ideas for young people.
5.15 The Brady Bunch. Working in an ice-cream parlour doesn't give Marcia much time to see her boyfriend.
5.45 News.
6.00 Thames news
6.35 Crossroads. Sharon Metcalfe is menaced by Eddie Lee.
7.00 Horace. The start of a twice-weekly series about a middle-aged man with the mind of a child. Starring Barry Jackson as the unfortunate Horace.
7.30 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game between two teams — one captained by Una Stubbs, the other by Lionel Blair. Playing for Una are Liz Fraser, Denise Nolan and Victoria Wood. For Lionel Richard O'Sullivan, Lance Percival and Wayne Sleep. In the chair is Michael Aspel.
8.00 Sorry, I'm a Stranger Here Myself. Whither Henry. This first in a news series finds dithery Henry Nunn contemplating a return to his wife and away from the prying eyes of the Stackley villagers.
8.30 The Morecambe and Wise Show with guest Gemma Craven (r).

9.00 The Brack Report. The second of a ten-part serial that cleverly looks at alternative methods of energy. After falling out with his employees in the Atomic Energy Authority, Brack turns to his mentor, former nuclear scientist, Max Challen, for advice.
10.00 News.
10.30 The Human Race. Part two of Desmond Morris's investigation into the races of the world. This evening he takes a look at our role of hunter.
11.30 Kaz. The former convict-turned-lawyer has to contend with withheld information and in his desperation to overcome this, falls into a trap.
12.25 Close with songwriter Tim Rice reading one of his favourite poems.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Week.
6.30 Today.
6.45 Prayer for the Day.
7.00 Today's News.
7.30 News Headlines.
7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 The Richard Stilgoe Letters: A jumble of anagrams.†
8.57 Weather and Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Thursday Call: 01-580 4411. Astronomy.
10.00 News.
10.02 From Our Own Correspondent. BBC correspondents talk about the countries in which they work.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 Morning Story: "Knowledge is my Business" by Brian McCabe.
11.00 News and Travel.
11.03 Play: "Sunday Outing" by Matthew Solon.
11.33 Wildlife. A team of naturalists answer listeners' questions.
12.00 News.
12.02 You and Yours.
12.27 Detective. Stories of crime and detection in London. Ray Brooks plays Det Sgt Brook in "Four Faces of Crime".
12.55 Weather and Travel.
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News and Travel.
3.02 Ann Veronica by H. G. Wells. A three-part dramatization (Part 2).†
4.00 News.
4.02 Edward Blishen reflects on walking.
4.10 The Vicar's Wife. Six women reflect on their lives in the modern vicarage.
4.40 Story Time: "Z for Zachariah" by Robert O'Brien, in 7 parts (1).
5.00 PM: News Magazine.
5.55 Weather and Programme News.
6.00 News and Financial Report.
6.30 Brain of Britain 1982.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Medicine Now. A report on the state of medical care.
7.50 Animal Language (11) "Repertoire, Duet and Mime": a look at the beautiful and complex patterns of birdsong.†
8.20 Great Galloping Gottschalk. Glimpses of the whirlind life of the composer Louis Moreau Gottschalk (1829-1869).
9.05 In Touch. Magazine for the Blind.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
9.58 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.30 And So to Ned (new series). Late night conversation and music, with Ned Sherrin.
11.00 A Book at Bedtime: "The Awakening" by Kate Chopin (2).
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Chamber Jazz. Records of the finest small groups of the past 40 years.†
12.00 News and Weather.
VHF with It above except as follows: 6.25-6.30 am Weather and Travel. 10.30-10.45 Knockdown Ginger. Rolf Harris with comedy, Music and quizzes for children. 1.55-2.00 pm Programme News. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Learning about the Chip (last of 5 programmes about micro-technology).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Mroning Concert Pachelbel, the Great, Reichardt, Respighi; records.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (continued) Mussorgsky arr. Lyadov, Dohnanyi, Janacek; records.
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer Mozart; records.†
10.00 Ballet Music Concert: Gretry arr. Beecham, Falla, Copland.†
11.05 Alberni String Quartet Recital: Beethoven, Shostakovich.†
12.05 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra Concert. Part 1: William Mathias, Tchaikovsky.
1.00 News.
1.05 Six Continents.
1.25 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra Part 2: Schumann.†
2.00 Bach Chamber music recital.
2.50 British Music BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra concert: John Gardner, Kenneth Platts, William Alwyn.†
3.55 Kabalevsky Cello and Piano recital.†
4.25 Jazz Today Charles Fox with records.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
7.00 Take it Prezarini! A profile of Lester Young, whose playing earned him the nickname "President" of the tenor saxophone.
7.55 Words (series) Talk by Peter Levi (3).
8.00 Arthuro Benedetti Michelangeli Piano recital direct from the Royal Festival Hall, London. Part 1: Beethoven.†
8.50 The Take-Away Guerrilla. Theodore Zeldin reflects on the restaurant, take-aways, and other factors that influence national menus.
9.10 Arturo Benedetti Michelangeli Recital, part 2: Debussy.†
10.00 Over the Bridge. Story by Tom Hopkinson.
10.40 Telemann on record.†
11.00 News.
11.05 Enesco on record.†

Radio 2

5.00 am Nick Page.† 7.30 Ray Moore.† 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 Gloria Hunniford.† 2.00 pm Ed Stewart.† 4.00 David Hamilton.† 5.45 News and Sport. 6.00 John Dunn. 8.00 The Golden Age of Hollywood.† 9.00 Listen to the Band.† 9.30 The Organist Entertains.† 10.00 The Arthur Askey Show. 11.00 Brian Matthew. † from midnight. 1.00 am Big Band Special.† 2.00-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

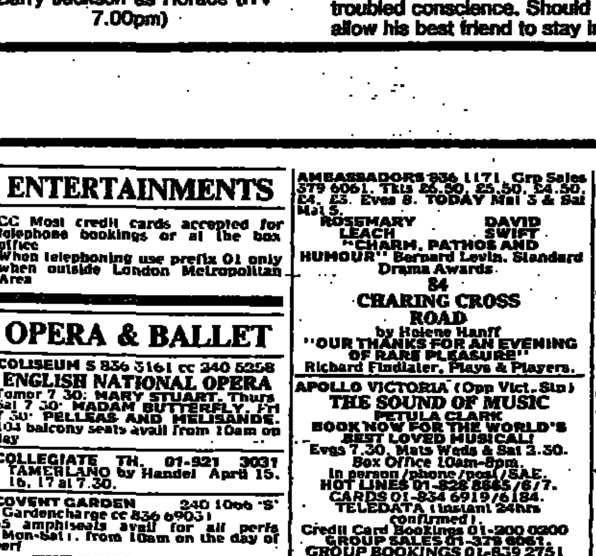
Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Dave Lee Travis. 2.00 pm Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell. 7.00 Talkabout: Young people meet to discuss their views. 8.00 David Jenson. 10.00 John Peel.† 12.00 Close.
VHF Radios 1 and 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1 12.00-5.00 With Radio 2.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave (648 kHz 463m) at the following times (GMT): 6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Gloria Hunniford. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four-Hours: News Summary. 7.30 A World of Wind and Brass 7.45 Network U.K. 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Bridge of San Luis Rey. 8.30 The Haydn Years. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Discovery. 10.15 Classical Record Review. 10.30 It Makes Me Laugh. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 Letter from London. 11.25 Scotland this Week. 11.30 Sports International 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15pm Famous Pianists of the Past. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four-Hours: News Summary. 1.30 Network U K. 1.45 A Jolly Good Show 2.30 Thirty Minute Theatre. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Plato's Republic. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four-Hours: News Summary. 8.30 With Great Pleasure. 9.15 Two's Company. 9.30 Plato's Republic. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Scotland This Week. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary 11.15 New Waves. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News 12.09am News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 A Jolly Good Show 1.15 Outlook: News Summary. 1.45 Report on Religion. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 The English Idyll 2.30 Jane Eyre 3.00 World News. 3.09 News, About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Discovery 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections 5.00 World News 5.09 Twenty-Four-Hours: News Summary 5.45 The World Today.

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Barry Jackson as Horace (ITV 7.00pm)

CHOICE

● CRIMES (BBC 1 9.25pm) by Caryl Churchill begins a six week season of Plays for Tomorrow, each of which are set some time within the next thirty-odd years. For Crimes the year is 2002 and we are awaiting a nuclear holocaust. Dr Schwarz (T. P. McKenna) is a prison psychiatrist living with his wife (Julia Foster) in their fall-out shelter. His video enables him to study his criminal patients in his home and they talk about themselves at length. We have Jane (played convincingly by Sylvestra Le Touze) an arsonist who murdered of her parents; Ron (Peter Whitbread) a lover of the countryside at odds with authority; and Elliot (Rufus Collins) a Rastafarian unwilling to obey the law. Back home, Schwarz has a troubled conscience. Should he allow his best friend to stay in the shelter for the duration of the nuclear alert? A sombre play with the only light relief coming from Dave Hill as a television personality regaling viewers with hints on surviving the impending holocaust.

● HORACE (ITV 7.00pm) is a thirtyish Yorkshire man with the mental age of a six-year-old. He has recently been released from an institution and now lives with his mother in a rural Yorkshire town. He is diabetic and the butt of the local children's practical jokes. Not, on the face of it, a suitable subject for a six programme series. But Ray Mintor has successfully managed to write a series in which the retarded hero is believable and his adventures not in the realms of fantasy (at least in the two episodes I have seen). He is helped by the acting of Barry Jackson who plays the part of Horace with beguiling innocence.

● SUNDAY OUTING (Radio 4 11.03am) casts the erstwhile Lady of the Manor, Penelope Keith, in the role of Elizabeth, the aging leading lady of a Canterbury rep. She decides to organize a day-trip to Whitstable for the company but when the time arrives only Michael, a shy young man on the threshold of his acting career, turns up. Undaunted, they press on to the seaside. Elizabeth trying to recapture the bliss of youth after an unsuccessful marriage, Michael captivated and unsure of himself. Matthew Solon's witty lines are played to perfection by both Miss Keith and Gary Cady.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1

CYMRU/WALES: 12.57pm-1.00 News Of Wales. 5.10-5.40 Rownd Y Byd. 6.00-6.25 Wales Today. 6.25-6.30 Cartoon: Tom and Jerry in Mouse from Hunger. 6.30-6.55 Heddiw. 11.55 News and weather. SCOTLAND: 12.55pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.00-6.25 Reporting Scotland. 11.05-11.55 Everyman: 'The End of the Work Ethic.' 11.55 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND: as Cymru. 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 6.00-6.25 Scene Around Six. 11.05-11.30 Painters' Choice. 11.30-12.00 Make Mine Country. 12.00 News and weather. ENGLAND: 6.00pm-6.25 Regional news magazines. 12.00 Close.

CHANNEL

As Thames except: Starts 12.00-12.10 pm Buttton Moon. 12.30-1.00 Byegones. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.45-4.15 Welcome Back Kotter. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 Looks Familiar. 11.30 Nero Wolfe. 12.25 am Closedown.

HTV

As London except: Starts 9.45am Joe 90. 10.10 Survival. 10.35 Flintstones. 11.00-12.00 Sesame Street. 12.30pm-1.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.45 Looks Familiar. 4.15-4.20 Ask Oscar! 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00-6.35 News. 11.30 Portrait of a legend: Stevie Wonder. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV CYMRU/WALES

As HTV West except: 12.00-12.10pm Trehetiau. 4.15-4.45 Camigam. 6.00 Y Dydd. 6.15-6.35 Report Wales. 10.30 Celn Gwlad. 11.15 The Human Race. 12.15am Closedown.

GRANADA

As Thames except: 9.30am European Folk Tales. 9.40 Joe 90. 10.05 Survival. 10.30 Anna and the King. 10.55 Bubblies. 11.00-12.00 Sesame Street. 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30 Exchange Flags. 1.55-2.25 Crown Court. 3.45-4.15 Looks Familiar. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 11.30 Barney Miller. 12.00 Late Night from Two. 12.30am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

As Thames except: 9.30am Larry the Lamb. 9.40 Sesame Street. 10.40 Patterns. 11.05 Wilderness Alive. 11.55-12.00 Captain Nemo. 12.30pm-1.00 Looks Familiar. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.45-4.15 Calendar. 5.15-5.45 Mr Merlin. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 11.30 Barney Miller. 12.00 Closedown.

BORDER

As Thames except: 9.30 am Friends of My Friends. 9.55 Joe 90. 10.20 Young Ramsay. 11.10 Untamed World. 11.35-12.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 3.45-4.15 Looks Familiar. 5.15-5.45 Radio. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 11.30 News. 11.33 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN

As Thames except: Starts 9.15 am First Thing. 9.20 Thunderbirds. 10.10 History of the Car. 10.35 Adventures of Niko. 11.00-12.00 Sesame Street. 12.30 pm-1.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.45-4.15 Looks Familiar. 5.15-5.45 Batman. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 11.30 Spellbinders. 12.00 News. 12.05 am Closedown.

CENTRAL

As Thames except: Start 9.35 am 3-2-1 Contact. 10.05 Pro-Celebrity Angling. 10.30 Falcon Island. 10.55 Portraits of Power: De Gaulle. 11.20-12.00 For Club and Country. 12.30 pm-1.00 Young Doctors. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.45-4.15 Looks Familiar. 5.15-5.45 Radio. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 11.30 News. 11.35 Pro-Celebrity Angling. 12.05 am Jazz and Blues: John Lee Hooker. 12.35 Closedown.

TVS

As Thames except Starts: 9.35am Survival. 10.00 Bailey's Bird. 10.30 European Folk Tales. 10.45-12.00 Billy Smart's Easter Circus. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.45-4.15 Looks Familiar. 5.15 Radio. 5.30-5.45 Coast To Coast. 6.00-6.35 Coast To Coast. 11.30 Brass in Concert: Trinity Girls Band. 12.15am Company Closedown.

ULSTER

As Thames except Starts: 10.25am-12.00 Film: Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Cartoon based on the story by C S Lewis set in the magic world of Narnia. 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.22-1.30 Cartoon. 3.45-4.15 Looks Familiar. 5.15 Radio. 5.30-5.45 Hear Here. 6.00 News. 6.05-6.35 Happy Days. 11.30 News at Bedtime, Closedown.

ANGLIA

As Thames Except: 9.30 am Sesame Street. 10.30 Friends of my Friends. 10.55 Joe 90. 11.25 Altered Images in Concert. 11.50-12.00 Wattoo Wattoo. 12.30 pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.45-4.15 Looks Familiar. 5.15-5.45 Different Strokes. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 11.30 Quincy 12.25 am Bible for today, Closedown.

TSW

As Thames except: 9.30 am Larry the Lamb. 9.40 Sesame Street. 10.40-11.25 Royal Henley Boating Regatta. 11.55-12.00 Captain Nemo. 12.30 pm-1.00 Bygones. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.45-4.15 Welcome back Kotter. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Looks Familiar. 11.30 Nero Wolfe. 12.25 am Postscript. 12.31 Closedown.

TYNE TEES

As Thames except: Starts. 9.20 am Good Word. 9.25 News. 9.30 Bailey's Bird. 9.55 Racing Rivers. 10.15 Film: Tarzan Goes To India: Tarzan receives an urgent call for help from a beautiful princess. 11.50-12.00 Sally and Jake. 1.20 pm-1.30 News, Lookaround. 3.45-4.15 Riordans. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 11.30 Two of Us. 12.00 New Life. 12.05 am Closedown.

SCOTTISH

As Thames except: 9.30am Our Incredible World. 9.50 Film: Big Bob Johnson and His Speed Circus (Charles Napier) comedy about a motor racing team. 11.25 How the Hedgehog Grew Larger. 11.50-12.00 Wattoo Wattoo. 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.45-4.15 Looks Familar. 5.10 Traveller's Tales. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 What's Your Problem? 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Nero Wolfe. 12.30am Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO ★ BLACK AND WHITE: (r) REPEAT

Entertainments Guide

Pledge of action by teachers on pay arbitration

By Richard Garner of The Times 'Educational Supplement

A teachers' leader said yesterday that there would be immediate industrial action in schools if the Government refused to accept the recommendations of an independent arbitration hearing on their pay claim.

Mr Ronald Winters, chairman of the salaries committee of the National Union of Teachers (NUT), said at the union's annual conference in Scarborough: "If there is any attempt to interfere with the independence of the arbitration, our action will be immediate and strong and united".

The teachers' claim for a pay increase in line with inflation (now about 11 per cent) went to arbitration two weeks ago when local education authorities refused to increase an original offer of 3.4 per cent. Attempts by the local authorities to increase that offer were vetoed by representatives of the Department of Education and Science (DES) at a meeting of the management side of the Burnham Committee, which negotiates teachers' pay.

Under the Remuneration of Teachers Act, 1965, the Government had power to set aside an arbitration award to teachers by introducing a Bill to that effect in both Houses of Parliament.

Mr Winters, speaking during a debate on the NUT's salary policy for next year, added: "There are some in our profession who hold up their hands in pious horror when we resort to action, but they are always ready to hold out their hands to receive their share of the money we gain.

"Of course we are a caring and responsible profession. We have always had a traditional reluctance to take action which will inevitably affect the schools in which we work. But that care and responsibility that we show has never been seen by our employers or any government as a virtue to be rewarded but rather as a weakness to be exploited."

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, was accused at the conference of encouraging a "surreptitious" return to secondary modern grammar school divisions within the comprehensive system.

Mr Fred Jarvis, NUT general secretary, said: "It is quite clear that this Government would like to wage a determined attack on our system of comprehensive education." He said there was clear evidence that Sir Keith intended to use his powers, whenever the opportunity arose "to encourage a surreptitious return to the old secondary modern and grammar school division under the umbrella of the comprehensive system".

Mr Jarvis said the threat to the nation's education service was far more serious now than it had been in living memory and said that if the Government's policy remained unchanged, "We will not have an education system with a decent standard of provision and capable of fulfilling all the great promise held out by the 1944 Education Act."

Delegates voted overwhelmingly in favour of a motion calling for an inquiry into discrimination in employment against black school leavers and urging opposition to racialism in schools, but which stopped short of asking union members to refuse to work with alleged racists.

A member of the union's executive was forced to apologize for a muddle over a vote challenging the decision by Mr Alfred Budd, union president, to declare out of order a motion calling on the union to affiliate to the *Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament* and to support unilateral disarmament. The mix-up led to delegates having to wait more than 50 hours to hear the result.

Mr Peter Cotgrove, chairman of the scrutineers' committee for the conference and executive member for Essex, said in a letter to Mr Budd which was read out to the 1,800 delegates that there had been a "mishap" in the counting of the votes.

Delegates voted against Mr Budd's ruling by 119,475 to 107,045 and Mr Budd said he accepted the majority view. The debate is to be slotted into the conference timetable at the earliest opportunity.

Delegates refused to suspend standing orders to debate an emergency motion on the Falkland Islands which called on the Government to withdraw the naval task force.

Leading article, page 7



Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, also met several hundred young pilgrims from the South-east yesterday. He talked with them over a picnic lunch at the Cathedral and answered questions.

Peace campaigners ask church for support

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

More than a thousand peace demonstrators occupied the nave of Canterbury Cathedral yesterday to present Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop, with letters appealing for his support.

Miss Joan Ruddock, national chairman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, told Dr Runcie that the British Government had rejected the proposals for progressive disarmament of a 22-nation non-aligned group at the United Nations. A special session of the UN General Assembly on world disarmament will open in June.

"Therefore, we turn to the leaders of our community like yourself, believing that the Church has a very special concern for peace", she said. Dr Runcie said he would study the hundreds of letters that the demonstrators had given him.

"You have come because you find in Canterbury and in this building, a symbol of peace," he told the demonstrators. "The Christian church must be united in protesting against a world where so much is spent on armaments and preparations for war."

Earlier, the demonstration, organized by CND, the World Disarmament Movement, and the United Nations Association, had paraded through Canterbury with banners, rallying at the city walls, for addresses.

Miss Ruddock told the rally that the Falkland Islands crisis showed how fast a military confrontation could develop in the modern world.

Junta denies holding Marines

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Military preparations are being made for the arrival of the British Fleet.

Argentine sources claimed that the runway at Port Stanley was long enough for Mirage jets to land and take off and further claimed that a number of the fighters were parked on the runway and ready for combat. The runway was built by the Argentines under a contract with Britain in 1971 to provide a regular air link to Argentina. There is no confirmation of this claim.

The Junta refused to confirm today that it had withdrawn most of its military ships to safe areas in the South Atlantic in response to Britain's threat to sink any naval vessels found within a 200-mile radius of the Falklands.

But sources said some ships were standing by in shallow water where it would be dangerous for a submarine to penetrate. They were said to be within easy reach of the Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm.

Reports from the southern Argentine port of Comodoro Rivadavia said there were incessant comings and goings of aircraft. Señor Nelson Dames, the local civil defence leader, said cellars were being fitted out and provisioned as shelters in case of attacks by British forces.

The local hospital, which now has a large red cross painted on the roof, has been fitted out as an emergency centre for wounded soldiers.

The *military* junta today dismissed reports that it might hold 22 British Marines as hostages. The Marines, with 13 civilians, were captured in the Falklands dependency of South Georgia on April 3 and have not been seen since. A Government spokesman said they were on their way to Montevideo, Uruguay, by sea and he believed the civilians had also left the island. They would all be handed over the the British Embassy.

The junta strenuously denied that it was receiving help from the Soviet Union by way of satellite picture of the advancing British naval force. "Our interests with the Soviet Union are strictly commercial. We do not share any political or ideological alliance."

The British Community Council, a Buenos Aires-based organization that coordinates the extensive charity work among the British community in Argentina, today sent a telegram to Mrs Thatcher saying that force should not be used and indicating that the islanders would have more to gain than lose by living under Argentine rule.

Negotiated settlement 'almost certain'

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sovereignty or a United Nations presence.

The senior Tory MP also joined Mr Pym in emphasizing the need for a settlement to be acceptable to the islanders.

Certainly, there seemed little danger last night that the Foreign Secretary was moving out of step with his own backbenchers.

One right-wing Conservative MP, Mr Anthony Marlow, member for Northampton, North, agreed that the wishes of the islanders should be a key to any settlement, as it had been during 15 years of negotiation.

Mr Marlow also said that the possibility of "lancing the boil" had raised his own hopes that a settled future for the islands may now open the way to a development of resources around the islands, something which had hitherto been blocked by the festering dispute with Argentina.

Dr Owen said in his radio interview: "Presumably, if a United Nations peace keeping force were to be there at all, even a United Nations presence, they would have a flag, and if the British Governor were to be there, administering the islands on behalf of Britain, there would be a British flag. I suppose it is probably liveable with that some Argentinean flag flies there as well."

Dr Owen added, however: "What I don't think any Government could accept is the Argentinean flag flying, because that would be an assumption that British sovereignty had been conceded, and we would not be prepared to do that."

He said that a negotiated settlement was now "almost certain reality". The only danger was that Bitish public opinion should become more hawkish, more tough-minded than that of the islanders themselves.

"I don't want the Falkland islanders conceding anything under duress", he explained. "But I do believe there is a sense of realism amongst the Falkland islanders. They are going to have to live in the Southern Atlantic, they are going to be dependent on Argentina for communications and many links.

"I believe they are realistic enough to know that out of this is going to have to come some settled relationship between the Falkland Islands and Argentina."

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother attends a gala concert given by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Albert Hall, 7.20.

New exhibitions

Peter Moore's Liverpool Project 6 - Art into the 80's including work by Heny Moore, Matta, Ben Johnson, Harry Holland and John Bellany; Fruit Market Gallery, 29 Market Street, Edinburgh. Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, closed Sun; (from today until April 24)

Drawings and prints by Stephanie Fryer; Stafford Museum and Art Gallery, The Green, Stafford; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun and Monday; (from today until May 8).

Installations and drawings by Brian Kennedy; Art and Research Exhange, Lombard Street, Belfast; Mon to Sat 12 to 5, closed Sun; (from today until April 23).

Design in India; an exhibition tracing the historical development of modern design in India from the early forties, with 3-D exhibits, models and photographs; Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, W8; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 and Sun 2 to 5 (from today until May 23).

Last chance to see

Photographs by Raymond Moore, RPS National Centre of Photography, The Octagon, Milsom Street, Bath; 10 to 4.45; (ends today).

Embroideries from Gujerat and Rajasthan, an exhibition in conjunction with The Festival of the Arts of India, Sheffield City Museum, Weston Park, Sheffield; 10 to 5; (ends today).

Talks, films

Colour in the garden, talk with slides by Stuart Cave, Manvers Street Baptist Church, Bath, 7.

Sargent, by Richard Humphreys, Tate Gallery, 1.

Animal Camouflage, By Steve Pollock, Natural History Meseum, 3.

Films: Florence — the restoration of books (1), Botticelli — the story of spring (2), both at National Gallery, 1.

Thebes, 11.30 and Nubia, 1.15; both by George Hart, British Museum.

Music

Not So Dusty: a selection of music presented by Dick Johnstone, Carshalton Library, The Square, Carshalton, Sutton, 8.

Cornel Music Group recital, Southwark Cathedral, 1.10 pm.

Recital by Gilbert Towland (Harpsichord), Purcell Room, South Bank, 7.30.

Concert by the Baroque Strings, Zurich, Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, 7.45.

Concert by Luciano Pavarotti (tenor), with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Albert Hall, 7.30.

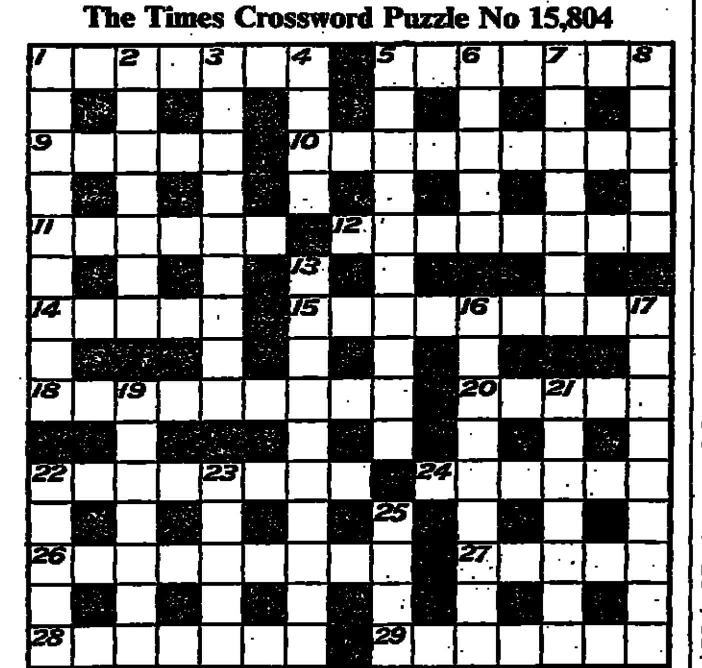
Organ recital by Andrew Goodwin, Bangor Cathedral, 1.15.

Walks

Ghosts of the City, meet St Paul's Underground, 7.30.

Jack the Ripper Murders 1888, meet Aldegate East Underground (Art Gallery Exit), 7.30

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,804



ACROSS

1 Sink for metal-worker (7).
5 Moab was one, sang David, good for a clean-up (4-3).
9 Flower Indians lose their head over (5).
10 He's bound by the rules to draw up a rota (9).
11 French art included in this dissertation (6).
12 Guide orator to the point (8).
14 Nothing is as elusive as a place of refreshment (5).
15 Perfume from a sprinkling-nozzle? (4-5).
18 What Jowett didn't know, wasn't (9).
20 Bereaved parent petrified at loss of life (5).
22 Folds inside perhaps as some chemists do (8).
24 Respect in which Eton's head encounters opposition (6).
26 Drug source for Veronica (9).
27 Concerning article missing from faulty antenna (5).
28 Piloted horse without hesitation (7).
29 He follows a dubious philosophy (7).

DOWN

1 Gun brings pirate closer (9).
2 Strip off uniform (7).
3 Send-off given by underworld to one of the mass media (9).
4 Bird's neck-frill (4).
5 I left defence chief in Wiltshire (10).
6 Outline for a military HQ (5).
7 Punished for what the honest bookie did (4,3).
8 Heading for a peerage? (5).
13 Getting a second call, newly-weds top the programme (10).
16 Beaufort provides power-station site (9).
17 Parts of the house, I hear, are painfully affected (9).
19 It's not decent to scatter bones round church (7).
21 Stuff finished before tea-break (7).
22 Places for scholars in newspaper offices (5).
23 Duck! Get down for cover! (5).
25 'eaps of troubles (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 15,803

Classical best-sellers

Best-selling records last week were:

1. Beethoven: Violin concerto, Perlman (HMV ASD4059).
2. Holst: The Planets, Karajan (DG2532019).
3. The Legendary Hollywood String Quartet (HMV RLS765).
4. Dvorak: Cello Concerto, Cohen (CFP40361).
5. Strauss: Alpine Symphony, Karajan (DG2532015).
6. Poulenc: Les Biches Suite, Pretre (HMV ASD4067).
7. Mahler: Symphony No 2, Solti (Decca D229D2).
8. Sibelius: Symphony No 5, Ashkenazy (Decca SXDL7451).
9. Mendelssohn/Bruch Violin Concertos, Mutter (DG2532016).
10. Walton: Symphony No 1, Haitink (HMV ASD4091).

Roads

London and the South-east: The Automobile Association advises that various roadworks cause delays on the A40 Western Avenue between Ealing and Ruislip. From 9 am until 4 pm the centre lane of both carriageways of the M23 will be closed for maintenance work. Watch out between junctions 10 and 11 near Crawley.

Wales and the West: A55: Subsidence at Holywell, Clwyd. Only half road open, serious delays. Use (A548) coast road or Mold Road (A525). A39/A389: Roadworks at Threemilestone roundabout, diversion for westbound traffic; eastbound speed limit. A38: Restrictions at Dean Prior, from Buckfastleigh to Plymouth. A40: Two-way traffic on one carriageway at peak times between Gloucester and Ross-on-Wye.

Midlands: A34: Very long delays on Birmingham Road, Stratford, and also at Bridgeway, Stratford. A439: Grove Road, Stratford on Avon, closed diversion. M1: Extensive roadworks between junctions 14 (Newport Pagnell) and 18 (A428 Rugby) in Northamptonshire cause serious delays.

The North: A1(M) and A66(M) north of Scotch Corner to junction with A68 and full length of A66(M) north Yorkshire, occasional lane closures.

Scotland: A77: Kilmarnock Road, near Auldhouse road (B762) Glasgow, one lane only each way. A9: North of Blair Atholl resurfacing. A92: Closed between Invertiel junction and Charlotte Street.

Sporting fixtures

Football: Five first division matches, two second, three third and three fourth. See page 13.

Racing: Flat meetings at Newmarket (2.0) and Warwick (2.15). NH at Chepstow (2.0), Wetherby (2.0) and Uttoxeter (2.0). See page 14.

Rugby Union: Newport v Barbarians (3.15).

Locomotive loan

Gladstone, a steam locomotive built 100 years ago at Brighton, has been lent by the National Railway Museum at York for display on the privately-run Bluebell Railway in Sussex, which is celebrating the centenary of the Lewes-East Grinstead line.

The locomative, designed by William Stroudley, the railway engineer, was introduced in 1882 for running between London and the South Coast.

Anniversaries

Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States, Shadwell, Va, 1743; Richard Trevithick, engineer, Illogan, Cornwall, 1771; F W Woolworth, Rodman, New York, 1852. Secessionists take Fort Sumter, Charlestown, West Virginia — the beginning of the American Civil War, 1861.

Family centre

There are many activities of interest for children and parents at the Natural History Museum's family centre.

Activities include quizzes, bark rubbings and looking through microscopes. There are also natural history specimens, such as bones, fossils, and stuffed birds, which visitors can inspect and handle. Worksheets can be abtained at a small charge for children to use in the galleries.

The centre is open until April 24, 10.30 to 12.30, and from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. It is closed on Sundays and Mondays. Entrance is free and the museum is in Cromwell Road, London SW7.

The papers

The Christian Science Monitor notes that Egypt is edging back into the good graces of the Arab world, and sees the latest signs appearing with Egypt's attendance at a non-aligned conference in Kuwait.

The steps taken at the conference, the Monitor says, were not major breakthroughs exactly, "but hints of moderation that could be built on".

During the Easter weekend we have not known whether war or peace would break out tomorrow, says the Daily Express. Still we do not know what tomorrow will bring. Sir Ranulph Fiennes has gone through or over the North Pole and Mr Cliff Tait has smashed the record for a single-engined flight from England to New Zealand.

A third hero of our time, Mr Stirling Moss, was unable to compete at Silverstone because of an accident suffered on his 80cc scooter in Chelsea. But eight women parachutists managed to link hands in mid-air somewhere over the West Country, thus establishing a new free-fall record. And the good news. British Leyland exports are higher than ever with doubled sales on the continent last month: and eight out of 10 people in black and coloured communities in South Africa believe the English cricket tour did nothing to harm the cause of multi-racial sport and might have improved it.

At least it makes a change from war and peace.

Fire in the home

Every year fires kill about a thousand people and seriously injure and scar thousands more. Would you know what to do if fire broke out in your home?

If you think there is a fire, close all doors and keep them shut, especially the door of the room where you think the fire might be. The door will hold back the fire for up to 20 minutes — long enough for you to get everyone out of the house. And call the Fire Brigade by dialling 999.

The Pound

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Austria Sch	31.35	29.35
Belgium Fr	92.00	87.00
Canada $	2.23	2.14
Denmark Kr	15.10	14.30
France Fr	11.48	10.88
Germany DM	4.42	4.17
Greece Dr	115.00	108.00
Hongkong $	10.70	10.10
Ireland Pt	1.26	1.21
Italy Lir	2375.00	2275.00
Japan Yn	458.00	432.00
Netherlands Gld	4.88	4.62
Norway Kr	11.16	10.56
Portugal Esc	131.00	124.00
Sth Africa Rd	2.20	2.04
Spain Pta	190.75	181.75
Sweden Kr	10.88	10.30
Switzerland Fr	3.62	3.40
USA $	1.81	1.74
Yugoslav Dnr	96.50	90.50

London: The *FT* index closed on Thursday up 8.3 at 561.3.

Weather

Pressure will remain high over Britain but frontal troughs will move E across N Scotland

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, E Anglia, Midlands: Mainly dry: sunny intervals; wind variable, mainly NW, light or moderate; max temp, 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

E, central N, NE England: Mainly dry, bright periods; wind mainly W, light or moderate; max temp, 8 or 9C (46 to 49F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Mainly dry, sunny intervals; wind variable, light or moderate; max temp, 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Mainly dry, bright periods, becoming rather cloudy; wind mainly W, light or moderate; max temp, 9 or 10C (48 to 50F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Mainly dry, rather cloudy, perhaps a little rain at first, bright intervals developing; wind SW, moderate, increasing fresh; max temp, 8 or 9C (46 to 48F).

SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands: Mainly dry, bright periods becoming rather cloudy; wind W or SW, moderate or fresh; max temp, 9 or 10C (48 to 50F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, some rain at first, sunny intervals developing; wind SW, moderate or fresh, locally strong; max temp, 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: Bright intervals, becoming cloudy with occasional rain; wind SW, moderate increasing fresh, locally strong; max temp, 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Rain and showers at first; mainly in the N, otherwise mainly dry.

SEA PASSAGES: S. North Sea: Wind NW, fresh or strong; sea rough. Straits of Dover: Wind N, moderate or fresh; sea rough. English Channel (E), St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind, mainly N, light or moderate; sea slight.

Sun rises: 6.10 am | Sun sets: 7.58 pm
Moon sets: 12.18 am | Moon rises: 8.53 am
Last quarter: April 16.

Lighting-up time

London 8.23 pm to 5.36 am
Bristol 8.33 pm to 5.46 am
Edinburgh 8.45 pm 5.51 pm
Manchester 8.36 pm 5.42 pm
Penzance 8.42 pm to 6.02 pm

London

Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 10C (50F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 7 pm, 53 per cent. Rain: 24 hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 7 pm, 8.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm 1,019 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53 in.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday; c, cloud; f, fair; s, sun.

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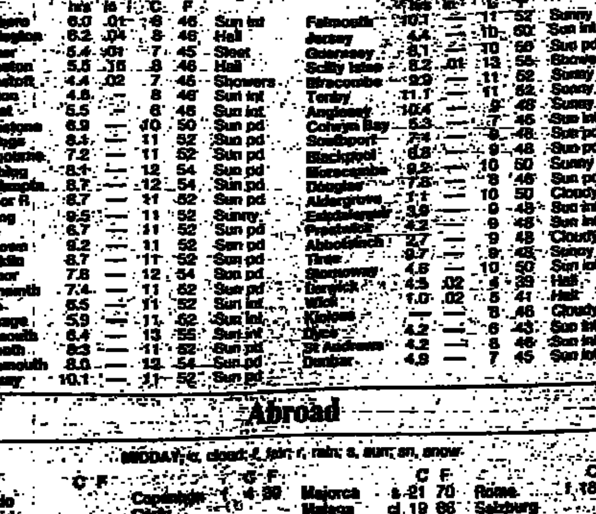


NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded

High tides

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Around Britain



Abroad

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